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Hajduk star for Croatia



Three new Roos in clash of the leaders



National Conference leader Juventus and second-placed Heidelberg-Alexander clash in one of the most important matches of the year on Sunday — and for three of the combatants there is more at stake than victory.



Juventus midfielder Richard Miranda, and Heidelberg stars Theo Selemdis and Scott Patterson have been called into the national squad which trains in Melbourne today (Wednesday) and tomorrow.



Charlie Egan of SM-Hellas also will be there, but his residency status may preclude him from being naturalised in time for the World Cup, so he may be by-passed.

Melbourne Croatia midfielder Jim Campbell, meanwhile, has been omitted from the squad due to injury and poor form, but Hellas goalkeeper Peter Laumets will get the chance to win his place back after he recovers from injury.

Laumets injured a shoulder during national squad training last week.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

St. George goalkeeper Terry Greedy did not drop out of the squad after all. Although he did have the measles, he was in goal for NSW against Queensland last Sunday.

There's a question mark, however, over Marconi left back Joe Rizzotto. "He was sent off twice in three weeks, and that's something we cannot tolerate," said national coach Frank Arok.

Meanwhile, all eyes will be on Miranda, Selemdis and Patterson at the Olympic Village ground on Sunday.

Selemdis and Miranda will play in direct opposition as both have central midfield roles.

Patterson will, as usual, play as left striker. Having scored last weekend against Footscray J.U.S.T., Patterson now has a total of six goals for the season, making him equal top scorer in the NSL.

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Melbourne Croatia has agreed terms with Hajduk Split star Nenad Salov and he is expected to arrive in Australia with his wife and two children in June.

Salov, 28, has played over 300 games for Hajduk. He has 18 under-21 national appearances to his name and has played one full international for Yugoslavia.

Salov will come here as a guest player but Melbourne Croatia hopes it can sign him on a two-year contract. Salov's contract with Hajduk expires at the end of May and his 12 years of service to the club entitle him to a free clearance.

Salov was voted Hajduk's best player during the 1982-83 season by the media in Split. He is noted for his playmaking ability in midfield and has the reputation of being a very tough competitor. He also is a free kick specialist.

He will play a minimum of 10 games for Croatia.

'Davo' back, Cumming may be OK

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

The time for men to stand up and be counted comes at 3 pm, this Sunday at Olympic Park No. 1. Will South Melbourne Hellas maintain its recent dominance over Melbourne Croatia or will Croatia get revenge for the 1-3 loss it suffered in the final of the 1984 Buffalo Gold Summer Cup?

The Hellas squad hasn't changed since that epic Cup final. However, Croatia has signed Peter Lewis and Jim Campbell since then — both quality players, both fierce competitors.

What has changed at Hellas, and what will be vital to its fortunes on Sunday, is that regular first team goalie Peter

Laumets is recovering from the shoulder dislocation he suffered at Socceroo training last week. Laumets reportedly is keen to face Croatia but if he does he'll be acting against medical advice.

But Alan Davidson may be back from his brush with death three weeks ago and Oscar Crino also returns, ready to show his considerable skills here. Crino has been suffering from a leg injury.

Croatia midfielder Campbell has been troubled by a groin strain but he's a definite starter against Hellas. Even if it takes painkillers to get him out onto the park!

The striking combinations of both outfits — Doug Brown and Charlie Egan of Hellas and Dave Brogan and Tommy Cumming of Croatia — have outstanding scoring potential. That will put the defensive organisation of Hellas and Croatia under the microscope.

It also puts the organisational ability of rival coaches Len McKendry of Hellas and Croatia's Terry Hennessy to the test.

Cumming, who injured his shoulder badly against Canberra last week, still could play against Hellas. He was advised by his doctor on Monday to rest the shoulder for three or four days and if no significant improvement in his condition takes place, then he'll have X-rays.

Hennessy concedes that Hellas is a fine, disciplined outfit, but far from unbeatable.

Going back to that great Buffalo Gold Summer Cup final, the main feature of Croatia's forward thrusts was the lack of quality of the service given to Brogan. Far too often, the class Croatia striker found himself challenging for balls in the air against Steve Blair or trying to control the ball on his chest under tremendous pressure. That has to change if Croatia is to win on Sunday.

Which brings us to what should be an absorbing midfield exchange. Crino thrashed Croatia in that Cup final. A repeat performance here will ensure a Hellas victory.

If this game is only half as good as the Cup final, it'll be one of the best matches of 1984.

A big deal fizzles out

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Is it hello or goodbye?

Actually, it's SM-Hellas president Leo Anezakis (right) welcoming Paul Lewis, star recruit from Green Gully, eight weeks ago.

But it could just as well be Anezakis farwelling Lewis, who returned to Green Gully last week after only seven games with Hellas.

Lewis was to have been the season's most expensive recruit.

The two clubs had agreed on a \$25,000 deal — \$18,000 in cash and \$7,000 from the proceeds of a friendly game between the two clubs.

Hellas made a \$3000 loss when it sold Lewis back to Green Gully for \$15,000, but at least it didn't have to pay that extra \$7000.

Lewis scored 31 State League goals for Green Gully in 1983, and Hellas tried for months to buy him before the deal was finally agreed upon.

Hellas already had proven goalscorers in Doug Brown and Charlie Egan, but whether or not it needed Lewis is not really the point at issue. Having bought him, one would have thought all parties concerned would have made a better fall of the situation.

But everything went wrong. At Green Gully, Lewis was the No. 1 striker and his team mates gave him the type of service he needed to score goals.

At Hellas, he became only one of three strikers — and the usual two-man attack had to be enlarged to three to accommodate him.



Paul Murphy



Carl Halford was in dispute with the club over the terms of a new contract, so there was a ready-made vacancy for Lewis, but when the team started to lose, many of the Hellas fans — always quick to pinpoint 'reasons' for failures — started to blame Lewis for not scoring more goals, and the club for not having come to terms with Halford.

Lewis started to complain that he wasn't being given the ball. Coach Len McKendry replaced Lewis during the 0-0 draw with Sydney Hakoah and the 0-1 loss to

George Cross, to the amazement of one and all, especially since he was taking off a proven goalscorer when it was goals that the team needed.

Lewis, to put it mildly, wasn't at all happy with McKendry, nor with Hellas.

Green Gully meanwhile, heard that were it to make Hellas an offer for Lewis, Hellas may agree to transfer him back to the Gully.

The offer was made, and Hellas agreed to take a \$3000 loss. No doubt Gully had al-



SM-Hellas coach Len McKendry

ready spent \$3000 of the \$18,000 it had received from Hellas.

We're told by Gully president Guy Spiteri that Lewis himself would rather not talk about the whole affair until the storm blows over and, probably, until he feels less embarrassed.

But perhaps Hellas has learned now that an abundance of prolific goalscorers from other clubs doesn't necessarily mean that they'll all score heaps of goals on the same forward line.

Remember the Paul Murphy case?

He scored 21 goals for George Cross in 1974, so Hellas bought him for big money and he scored only one

goal in 1975. It wasn't all that surprising, because Jim Armstrong was Hellas's No. 1 striker then, and it was he who was doing the scoring.

Then there was the time when Hellas decided that Graham French would continue to score alongside Peter Oller-ton, the way he had scored for Mooroolbark. That didn't work either.

But Lewis will prove that his goalscoring touch hasn't deserted him by any means.

Teaming up with Les Carter, Bobby McGuinness and Bobby Tool (who's going to miss out?) Lewis is sure to finish with quite a few goals in 1984.

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Tredinnick up in arms!

Rejected APIA midfielder Peter Tredinnick is determined to prove that National coach Frank Arok made a glaring mistake in not selecting him for the coming international series.

Tredinnick, who was voted "Daily Mirror" — Presto Player of the Year in 1983, has been in tremendous early-season form.

And after playing for Australia in the Merlion Cup in Singapore in November last year, his omission from the 40-man squad came as a surprise.

"I want to win back my position in the Socceroo squad," Tredinnick said.

"The only way to do that is to play better than the midfielders selected."

"I was very upset and angry at not being selected. I thought my form was good enough and it has given me the incentive to play even better."

"My game has picked up 100 percent," he added. Others determined to get into the national squad include Peter Katholos (Olympic), and Tommy Cumming (Melbourne Croatia).

APIA coach Fil Bottalico couldn't understand why Tredinnick was overlooked.

"How can you leave him out of the squad after he's been in such good early season form?" Bottalico asked. "He was continued from where he left off last year. I still can't believe they could ignore him."

Tredinnick's younger brother, Howard, who plays left back for Melita Eagles, was selected in the squad. "I'm over the moon for Howard," Peter said.

"He deserves it, but I think he will find it difficult to oust Sydney Olympic's Graham Jennings."

Peter Tredinnick, Jennings and Sydney Olympic's Gary Phillips have been flat mates for the past two years.

Tredinnick's main attributes as a midfielder player are his good vision, pinpoint passing and high workrate. He has proved to be no slouch at scoring either, with three goals in the NSL so far this season.

Tredinnick, Ian Gray and Terry Butler combine to form one of the best midfield combinations in the NSL.

"Ian and Terry are very talented players. We have a great understanding and work very hard for each other," Tredinnick said.

Peter is another product of the Newcastle district. He has represented Northern New South Wales in schoolboy and

representative levels and his father is currently president of the Northern New South Wales Soccer Federation.

This is Tredinnick's seventh year of NSL football. At 24, he is one of the youngest "veterans" of the competition.

In 1978, 79 and 80, he played for the defunct Newcastle KB United Club.

"It was the ideal club setup. The administration work was spot on, and we were very successful, finishing fifth in '78 and '79."

"It's a pity to see United dissolve. I have a lot of good memories and friends there. They gave me a start in my soccer career," he said.

In 1979 Tredinnick was selected in the Australian youth team, which was eliminated in the final preliminary round played in Paraguay.

That team included some of the household names of Australian soccer — among them Jennings, Katholos, Theo Selemidis, Danny Moulis, Steven Hogg and Alan Davidson.

Rudi Gutendorf, who was coach of the Australian team in 1979, selected Tredinnick in a preliminary squad but he was dropped soon after.

In 1981 and 82 Tredinnick enjoyed mixed fortune, playing for Wollongong City, bounced back to prominence last year playing for APIA and is now out to prove his non-selection is unjustified.



Peter Tredinnick in action for APIA Leichhardt

Bobby back on NSL stage

Bobby McGuinness joined his fourth National League club last week when Green Gully Ajax bought him for \$7,000 from Morwell Falcons.

McGuinness may not have grown in inches since the day in 1978 when South Melbourne Hellas coach Dave MacLaren decided that the striker was too small for NSL football, but he certainly has grown in reputation.

The highlight of his career so far has been his win in the 1980 Victorian Rothmans Medal.

McGuinness, then with Juventus of Melbourne, polled 34 votes to win by four votes from Mike Glykokalamos of Western Suburbs, Billy Wilkinson, then with George Cross, and Rob Cullen, then with Preston Makedonia, finished equal third with 19 votes.

McGuinness didn't mince his words after that medal win.

"This shows Hellas that I'm better than they gave me credit for and now that I've proved myself the laugh's on them. I've done enough without the Rothmans win to prove that I can play NSL football but there is no doubt that many NSL sides look at players with some sort of award to their credit."

McGuinness also finished the 1980 season as the leading State League scorer, with 17 goals. Gary Ward was second (16 goals) and George McMillan was third (14 goals).

Hellas renewed its interest in McGuinness early in 1981 but he switched to Townsville, then in the Queensland State League. He joined Morwell Falcons in the Victorian State League in 1983 and two weeks ago, he transferred to Ajax.

It was a busy weekend for McGuinness. Not only did he

find himself returning to the National League, he also got married.

In all, his transfers in Australian soccer have amounted to \$34,500.

The skilful Scot played with Motherwell in his native country and Portsmouth in England before joining Sydney City Hakoah in 1977. He switched to Hellas in 1978 for \$8,000, to Juventus in 1979 for \$3,000, to Townsville in 1981 for \$11,000, to Morwell last year for \$5,000 and finally to Ajax for \$7,500.

"I've got nothing against the Falcons, but to be honest, I'm glad that I've left them," said McGuinness.

"I wasn't playing well there and I wasn't happy. I don't think my style suited Falcons. I like to get balls played into my feet, to get support, and to be allowed to go at defenders. McGuinness played with Ajax last week in a friendly against Hellas. The match ended in a 1-1 draw and McGuinness scored.

"Of course, it was great scoring on my debut but what really stood out to me was the tremendous support I got from our midfield. Any time I was in trouble I always was given an outlet."

McGuinness, 30, will link with Paul Lewis and Les Carter up front for Ajax.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



McGuinness in action for Morwell



McGuinness in action for Juventus



Bobby McGuinness shows off his 1980 Rothmans Medal, surrounded by three charming hostesses.



McGuinness, third from left, front row, with the 1977 Sydney City Hakoah squad.

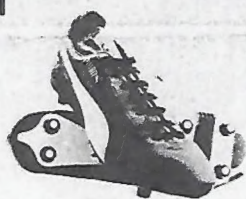


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Ruthless tackles, behind-play incidents and sendings-off are becoming more and more common in Australian soccer, so it's time harsher penalties were devised for the offenders.

A tribunal committee should be set up to examine violent incidents, as is the case in Australian Rules and Rugby League.

With Channel 9/28 filming most matches, their footage should be used in judging the offenders.

In addition, a referees' inspector should be at all matches, so he can report to the tribunal any incident that the referee or linesmen may miss.

It was in this way that Sydney Rugby League player Les Boyd was suspended for 12 months over having broken an opponent's jaw.

We can't continue to allow players getting away with things like elbowing opponents in the head, kneeing them in the back, or punching them in the face behind play.

Look at the case involving Alan Davidson.

He was fighting for his life last week at Middle Park, and had it not been for the quick-thinking supporter, Bill Siavias, who cleared Alan's air passage, Alan would have suffered brain damage only 60 seconds later. And had he been left unattended for two minutes more, he would have died.

It was Alan himself who advocated the tribunal system for offenders, while he was still in hospital. How right he is! We can't let acts of violence go by, for such offenders will do it again and again if the punishment for a sending off continues to be a mere one-match suspension.

A player can be sent off for swearing, or for a late tackle which could cause permanent injury, yet in both cases, the punishment is identical.

In League and Aussie Rules,

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the punishment fits the crime, and so it should be in soccer. There's been a drive to clean up Rugby League in Sydney, by imposing harsher penalties and fine, and it's certainly stopped a lot of the violence that marred the sport previously.

Platini the mastermind

I watched the second leg of the European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final between Juventus of Turin and Manchester United on TV last week and one thing that was quite clear was just how brilliant Michel Platini is.

He's one of the best, if not the best, attacking midfielders in the world today. His mobility is exceptional, his passing and vision excellent and his scoring record in the tough defensive climate of Italian football speaks for itself. Already this season, he's scored 19 league goals for Juventus. That's a record any forward would be proud of, so just how good is Platini, who can score so many goals as a midfielder?

Everytime he touches the ball you expect something special to happen. Even though Manchester United's Remi Moses was breathing down Platini's neck, the Juventus midfielder and captain of France still was able to stamp his authority on the game.

There aren't many players who would pass the ball to a team mate who was marked

but Juventus players were prepared to give the ball to Platini at every opportunity. That just shows you what his team mates think of him. It also shows you that his team mates realise that Platini draws opponents towards him, giving other Juventus players a lot more freedom.

Juventus certainly is one of the best and most consistent teams in Europe and will be really stiff opposition for the Socceroos in the coming international tournament but the experience to be gained against teams of Juventus' class will be invaluable for our players.

It's just a pity that the great Platini won't be able to come here because he'll be playing for France.

Experience needed

Okay, so Olympic thrashed Newcastle Rosebud United, newcomer to the NSL, 5-1 the other week.

To be honest, we could have run up a cricket score but the Newcastle Rosebud side is very young and certainly needs the experience of someone like Joe Senkalski if its going to establish itself in the National League.

The crowd at Newcastle was good. Even though their side was hammered, they still clapped whenever one of their players did something good.

But boy, the NSL newcomer needs experience badly.

Top Scots for Georgie

Sunshine-George Cross was set to sign Forfar Athletic captain and top scorer James Liddle as a guest player and will sign either Billy Steele or Ross MacLaren on a two-year contract.

Liddle joined Forfar from Cowdenbeath in 1982 for \$40,000. His coach at Cowdenbeath was Sunshine-George Cross coach Tommy Traynor and during Liddle's two year stint there he was leading scorer.

"Liddle's tall and tremendously strong. When he goes on a run, no-one will shake him off the ball. And I've yet to see better in the air," said Traynor.

Cowdenbeath turned down an \$80,000 offer for Liddle from English club Blackpool.

MacLaren, brother of Sunshine-George Cross player Don MacLaren, is the captain of English Second Division club Shrewsbury Town. He's a midfielder and joined Shrewsbury from Scottish giant Glasgow Rangers.

Steele currently is playing with Arbroath in the Scottish Second Division. He's 29 and is a former Glasgow Rangers, Dundee United and Cowdenbeath striker.

Steve Winn — he scores in threes and fours

When Steve Winn scores goals, he scores them in a big way.

Not for him the solitary goal here and there. No, he scores his in lots of threes and fours!

He netted a hat-trick for Marconi in his Australian debut on May 15 last year, so against Melbourne Croatia recently, he figured he'd better pay his new club, Heidelberg-Alexander the same compliment.

So he scored four in that game, to spearhead Heidelberg to a 5-2 victory.

He scored again the following week, in a victory over Canberra — and that was the first time since coming to Australia that he netted only a "single".

In 20 games since arriving from England where he played for Rotherham, Winn has scored a total of 12 goals. And those 12 were amassed in only five of the 20 games.

"I tend to get my goals in lots of twos and threes but I'm working on spreading them over more games to make it look better," Winn says.

His hat-trick in that first game for Marconi last year, gave his new club a 5-4 victory over Wollongong.

He failed to score in the next two games — against Brisbane City and APIA — and then missed 10 matches due to injury.

He came back for the game against Newcastle, missed out the following week against APIA, and then hit the goal trail again by netting two in Marconi's 3-1 victory over Macedonia.

Winn failed to add to his tally in the final five games of the 1983 season — and that five-week stretch remains his longest goalless period since coming to Australia.

He returned to England during the off-season but returned

By LAURIE SCHWAB

in time for Marconi's first Ampol Cup game against Sutherland last year, to score two of the goals in a 3-0 victory. He played in the Ampol Cup games against Blacktown and Sydney Hakoah before being bought by Heidelberg for \$15,000 for its opening-round clash with Hellaas at Middle Park.

Heidelberg negotiated the deal with uncharacteristic secrecy, and the first anyone knew of it was when Winn ran onto the field in front of 11,000 fans.

"As far as Marconi was concerned, it was all a matter of money," Winn says. "I was called in to see the club's soccer secretary one day, and he told me they'd had this very good offer from Heidelberg, and whether I was interested in going. Well, Marconi had bought David Lowe, and with Peter Sharpe also back at the club, there were six forwards competing for three positions. The others were Rod Brown, Mark Jankovics, Rene Licata and I. Lowe had to play because they'd spent quite a lot of money on him, and Sharpe is a big favorite at Marconi, so I thought I might as well make the move. I'm glad I did."

"Heidelberg is a very young team — in fact at 24, I'm the oldest — and I've struck up a good partnership up front with Scott Patterson. We've also got Peter Devine coming over from Blackburn Rovers in England, and hopefully he'll score goals as well."

It took Winn four games to settle in with Heidelberg, before he cut loose with his four goals against Croatia.

None of the contenders for the Bonal Bricks \$1000 top scorer's award ever can feel they've got a big enough lead over Winn. With two games to go at the end of the year, he's liable to score 10!

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN

An outsider observer — Martian, for instance — could assume that everyone in soccer is deeply and constantly concerned about dwindling attendances. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Actually, nobody is really concerned. Club managements have given up hope ages ago. They simply wait for their team's clash with Olympic or South Melbourne Hellaas, pray for good weather — and write the rest of the year off.

They know that they can turn themselves inside out and still fail to appreciably increase the crowds.

NSL officials are not concerned, either. If everything else fails, some sponsorship money will keep their office running.

Promoting soccer, they feel, is not their task anyway. It's up to the clubs. (Oh yeah, the clubs say, then why have an NSL? They ought to meet and sort this thing out, really.)

The media certainly don't care about attendances. Sure, they do make some noises, an occasional righteous exclamation — but deep down (and not too deep, either), they don't give a damn.

And why should they? The newspapers will survive even if soccer is banned or outlawed, as for TV, the less people go to watch soccer the more they are likely to watch the box.

Actually, the only ones who should really care about falling crowds are the players. Eventually, it will be their livelihood that's hit. But, judging by their generally inept performances, the players don't care, either.

Who said there were divisions in soccer? Or logic for that matter?

Take the ASF and the NSL. (Please, take them.) For years now, they have been preoccupied with "marketing" and "packaging" soccer.

They have been making all sorts of secret and semi-secret deals and pacts with "specialists" whose chief credential is that they don't know soccer — and don't even like it.

This, clearly, establishes them as impartial authorities, unbiased judges of

No crowds? So what, we don't need them, do we?

human and commercial values and social prophets for the 21st century.

But neither the ASF nor the NSL ever has bothered to set up a press office which could have facilitated the work of the daily, ethnic and suburban press, radio and TV.

Even much smaller organisations than a national sporting body cannot exist without a competent press office, preferably run by a press-man (or woman).

This is not marketing, selling, packaging, sponsorship baby-minding, or grandstanding: it's normal, routine press liaison, trying to at least offer soccer to the public via the available media.

Obviously, Australian soccer isn't ready for this yet.

Perhaps — a friend suggested — we should enlist the large and fast-growing Chinese and Vietnamese communities in soccer's aid.

Soccer, after all, is popular in their countries. There is a snag, though. We should have a Vietnamese or Chinese team as a magnet. Maybe they could be "Rosebudd" or instantly grafted to an existing club or team.

There are numerous possibilities. Samples, with suggested new club names:

KING KOHN — merger with Sydney Hakoah, home games at Dixon Street, coach Jo Vatsion.

GU LASH — marriage with St George Budapest, famous Hungarian fare supplemented by sweet and sour chicken.

AMIN EST ROME — soup-like concoction with Italian flavor, preferably at Leichhardt.

SUNG ULO POLOUS — merger with the Greeks; Chinese to provide crowds, Olympic the stable leadership.

Some clubs whose attendances have dropped below 500 — actually, even below 200 — have decided to arrange for police protection of their spectators. They are worried that one of these days the much abused referee and linesman will rush up the stands and beat up the fans.

I don't want to be cruel so I refrain from using their names. But there are quite a lot of "soccer identities" you hardly ever see at soccer.

Soon, of course, you'll see the lot, when the international series begins, when they all come out of the woodworks, look cheerful (why not — they don't see weekly NSL matches) and important in their VIP seats.

There are quite a few of the ASF and NSL bigwigs, club presidents and others you'll see prancing around when Juventus and Manchester United line up for the anthems, at dinner receptions and other occasions.

But hardly ever at club soccer matches where the glamour quotient is low. (The soccer is low, too.)



Steve Winn — Heidelberg's goal machine. Picture by LES SHORROCK

Abonyi wonders whether full-time coaching is worth it

"It was a shock but not unexpected" — so says Attila Abonyi about his dismissal from Sydney Croatia.

Only recently named as assistant national team coach to Frank Arok, former international star Abonyi was the least likely candidate for a sacking.

For years, as player and then as coach, he was a darling of Croatia officials and supporters; he all but became an honorary Croatian.

This season they recalled him from Canberra, it was like a home coming for the club's favorite son.

But then things turned sour. One defeat after another by a team which was supposed to be the dark horse of the NSL.

Last Sunday week, after the Blacktown match, came the execution: swift and decisive.

"The club secretary came into the dressing room and told me my services were no longer required," Abonyi says.

"I half expected it. I knew a lot was riding on this match. I was confident we could win it, too, with Boden and Borges gradually slotting into the team."

"And we had the chances... six, maybe more. My God, how we could have won, hands down. But

we didn't. So I had to be sacked. Somebody said this wasn't the normal thing to do."

Abonyi isn't bitter, he is desperately trying to be realistic, balanced and understanding.

"Yes," he says, "I do understand Croatia. The club cannot afford to have a losing team; if the crowds drop from 5000 to 2000, they'll go broke."

"They can't sack the team, so they have to sack the coach. Isn't that traditional?"

"It's a professional hazard, something every coach must be prepared for every weekend. The more success-hungry a club is, the bigger the risk for the coach. Greek, Italian and Croatian clubs in Australia are prime targets — because they have the most to lose."

Abonyi says Croatia was decent and fair: they have honored a "loose contract" agreement with him and arranged a financial settlement with him.

Now, however, he is wondering whether to stay fulltime in the game he loves so very much.

"There isn't much security in soccer and this is something that can't be good news for a man who has to support a family."

"I have to think real hard now whether to return to my trade (cutter and designer in men's fashion) or plow ahead with soccer, fulltime."

"For the time being, I'll be working with Frank Arok but the events of the past few days will make even that a bit difficult."

"Then I hope to find a club to coach, because I don't want to live without soccer."

"I really feel that in my seven years as a coach, I've proved a thing or two. With Croatia, then Melita, Riverwood and even Canberra."

"But when the survival of a club is at stake, the coach can be sacrificed, only idiots don't believe this or coaches that think they are mightier than the clubs."

"Of course, all this could have happened at a better time than Easter, my parents were visiting us from Melbourne."

Only a few weeks ago Frank Arok openly rated Abonyi as the "most talented young coach in Australia." Not surprisingly, he invited him to be his assistant with the national team.

So the question is not whether or not Abonyi will leave soccer, but when and where?



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Iraklis still for C'berra

ASF secretary
Brian Emery denies that the game between Iraklis and an Australian XI in Canberra on June 11 has been cancelled.

"Come what may the game will be played," Mr Emery said.

The doubts as to whether the game would be played emerged after the ACT Soccer Federation learned that the game was not, apparently, strictly an ASF affair.

It made it clear it couldn't be expected to carry any of the financial burden for a game it believed would lose money in the light of the massive \$30,000 match guarantee before airfares and accommodation costs.

Mr Emery said the financial arrangements for the game were "open to negotiation". It now appears that Canberra Arrows are interested in joining the promotion, after two businessmen — one Greek and one Australian — had indicated they would meet some of the costs.

It could even become a three-way affair, with the ACTSF still involved, although at this stage this seems unlikely.

However, doubt remains over the timing of Iraklis's visit, as the club still is in the Greek Cup, the final of which is on June 10.

PETER WINDSOR

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Big guns ready to surge

By LAURIE SCHWAB

This week's NSL matches, with likely winners in capitals:

TONIGHT (Wednesday)

APIA-Leichhardt v. Sydney Hakoah (draw), St George Stadium, 7.45 pm.

FRIDAY

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST v. Penrith at St George Stadium, 7.45 pm.

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER v. B.U. Juventus at Olympic Village, 3 pm.

Melbourne Croatia v. Sth Melbourne Hellas (draw) at Olympic Park, 3 pm.

Sunshine-George Cross v. FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. at Chaplin Reserve, 3 pm.

Preston-Makedonia v. Green Gully (draw) at Connor Reserve, 3 pm.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS v. Newcastle-Rosebud at Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30 pm.

BRISBANE CITY v. Sydney Croatia at Henson Park, 3 pm.

Adelaide City Juventus v. CANBERRA ARROWS at Olympic Sports Field, 2.30 pm.

MARCONI v. Wollongong at Marconi Stadium, 3 pm.

APIA-LEICHHARDT v. Sydney Croatia at Henson Park, 3 pm.

Blacktown v. SYDNEY OLYMPIC at Gabbie Stadium, 3 pm.

WEDNESDAY (May 9)

SYDNEY C. HAKOAH v. Newcastle-Rosebud, St George Stadium, 7.45 pm.

Team of the week

In brackets: number of appearances in teams of the week.

WATSON (1) (Syd. Croatia)			
BERTOGNA (2) (APIA)	YANKOS (1) (Heidelberg)	LIDDELL (2) (Bris. City)	McMILLAN (1) (Makedonia)
KANESDULIS (1) (SM-Hellas)	SELEMDIS (2) (Heidelberg)	JANKOVICS (2) (Marconi)	KONSTANDOPOULOS (2) (WA-Hellas)
KOSMINA (2) (SC-Hakoah)	PANAGIS (1) (WA-Hellas)		

VSF Travel award

The VSF Travel Club, in conjunction with Ametco Travel, is sponsoring our Top Scorer award for National Conference players.

The winner receives a return trip to Europe, flying Thai International. Leading scorers: 6 — Patterson (Heid).

5 — Brown (SMH), Konstakopoulos (Westad), Winn (Heid), Golevic (M. Cro)
4 — Daunt (Lions), Sweeney (B. Juve), Panagis (Westad)
3 — Liddell (Bris. City), Ward (B. Juve), G. Campbell (Mak), Cumming, Brogan (M. Cro), Malavazos (Westad).

Traditional big guns Sydney Hakoah, APIA and Sydney Olympic are expected to take over from upstarts Melita Eagles and Blacktown in the Australian Conference at the weekend.

Hakoah should hold top position after the weekend's round, after beating Brisbane Lions in Brisbane, for I expect both the new league leaders, Melita Eagles, and second-placed Blacktown, to lose.

Brisbane City's strong defence, led by Frank Liddell, and with the home-ground advantage, should be enough to end Melita's long unbeaten run, while Sydney Olympic should be too talented for Blacktown, despite the shrewdness of Blacktown coach Casey DeBruin.

Marconi and Canberra, the two top scorers in the Australian Conference, should continue to win and to pile up the goals, this time at the expense of Wollongong and Adelaide Juventus.

Both Marconi and Canberra should be in the top five before long.

In the National Conference, Green Gully should show its muscle by holding Makedonia to a draw, for in Bobby McGuinness, Les Carter and Paul Lewis, Green Gully now has a lot of fire power.

Footscray J.U.S.T. will miss suspended Joe Carroll against Sunshine-George Cross, but should have Gary McDowell back after injury. George Cross, without Don McLaren who was sent off last weekend, looks to have little hope of success in this match.

Youth league

Victorian Youth League results: Footscray JUST 1 Heidelberg-Alexander 0, Knox City 2 Melbourne Croatia 3, Green Gully 2 Morwell Falcons 1, Sth Melbourne Hellas 1, Preston-Makedonia 1, Nunawading City 3 Sun: George Cross 1, Frankston Pines 1 B.U. Juventus 2.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sth Melb Hellas	6	1	22	8	13	
Heidel Alexander	5	1	22	6	11	
Footscray JUST	5	1	18	7	11	
B.U. Juventus	5	1	14	10	11	
Melb Croatia	4	1	12	8	9	
Sun. George Cross	3	2	11	10	8	
Nunaw City	4	0	13	18	8	
Green Gully	3	1	16	10	7	
Prest Makedonia	1	3	2	8	9	
Frankston Pines	1	1	15	20	3	
Morwell Falcons	0	1	7	5	18	1
Knox City	0	1	7	6	34	1

Franken closes

APIA Leichhardt's John Bradley has had his lead in our Boral Bricks best player award cut to just one vote.

Canberra Arrows outstanding young goalkeeper Tony Franken is breathing down Bradley's neck as the race to win \$1500 from Boral Bricks really heats up.

Boral Bricks also is sponsoring our Top Scorer award. The leading National Conference player, Markman, will win \$1,800 at the end of the season. Four players at present are tied at the top with six goals each — Frank Farina,

Scott Patterson, John Bradley and Peter Katholos. But scoring aces Dez Marton, Doug Brown, John Kosmina, Steve Winn and David Lowe are in a group of 11 players with five goals to their names.

Leading votegetters: 36 — Bradley (APIA), 35 — Franken (Can), 27 — Hoare (Black), McIntosh (Pen), 26 — Wishart (Bris City), P. Tremdick (APIA), 25 — Murphy (SMH), 24 — Yankos (Heid), 23 — Mullen (Ad City), Bromfield (Bris City), McMillan (Mak).

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

MELITA EAGLES 1 (Farrugia 20th) PENRITH 1 (Cotton 16th) at Melita Stadium. Crowd: 2430. Ratings by Alex Vesic:

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson 6, McAusland 7, McGinn 7, Wilson 8, Treddnick 6, Alan 5, Jamieson 6, Farrugia 6 (Johnston 46th, 7), Davies 6, Duarte 6, Griffith 6, Coach: Raul Bianco.

PENRITH: Gibson 8, Brogan 7, Daley 7, Campbell 8, Cross 6, Fitzharris 7, Nix 6, Ainsworth 6, Wotherspoon 8, Cotton 5, Hunter 6, Coach: Willie Wallace.

Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6. Wotherspoon (Pen), 5. Wilson (Mel), 4. Gibson (Pen), 3. Campbell (Pen), 2. McAusland (Mel), 1. McGinn (Mel).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 14th, Koussas 42nd) MARCONI 2 (Jankovics 24th, McCulloch 32nd) at Pratten Park. Crowd: 4702. Ratings by Alex Vesic:

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 7, Lambropoulos 6, Dakos 6 (Naumov 50th, 7), Coady 8, Jennings 8 — Phillips 7, Raskopoulos 6, Patikas 7 — Koussas 7, Theodorakopoulos 7, Katholos 7, Coach: Manfred Schaefer.

MARCONI: James 7 — Carter 7, Henderson 8, Calderan 7, Rizzotto 7 (sent off 68th) — Jankovic 9, Mason 7, McCulloch 8 — Lowe 7, Brown 6, Sharpe (Mariani 25th, 7), Coach: Les Scheinflug.

Best six players for the Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Jankovics (Marci), 5. Coady (Oly), 4. McCulloch (Marci), 3. Jennings (Oly), 2. Henderson (Marci), 1. Koussas (Oly).

CANBERRA ARROWS 3 (Bryant penalty 50th, Perinovic 55th, Farina 72nd) MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 2,350. Ratings by Peter Windsor:

CANBERRA ARROWS: Franken 8 — Mihailides 7, Burke 8, Red-

BRISBANE CITY 0 APIA-LEICHHARDT 0 at Spencer Park. Crowd: about 1200. Ratings by Ricky Rosso:

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 8 — Perry 7, Liddell 9, Milanovic 6, Bromfield 7 — Fabrizio 6, Hamilton 6, Pimblett 7, Mengotti 8 — Glockner 7, Mountford 6 (Scrignins 78th), Coach: Joe Gilroy.

APIA: Parks 8 — Skellern 7, Cullen 8, Bertogna 9, Brown 7 — P. Treddnick 7, Butler 7, Bradley 8 — Paban 6 (Genovese 77th), Gray 7, Mossello 6, Coach: Fil Bottalico.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Liddell (Bris. City), 4. Bradley (APIA), 3. Wishart (Bris. City), 2. Parks (APIA), 1. Mengotti (Bris. City).

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 7 (Brown 14, Panagis 46, 65, 84, Malavazos 45, 57, Konstakopoulos 89) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Ratings by Frank Pangallo:

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Sproul 7, McGregor 6, Honeyman 7 (Baker, 83) McGachy 7, Papazoglou 8 — Manou 8, Atsalas 8 (Papadopoulos 62), Panagis 8, Brown 8 — Konstakopoulos 8, Malavazos 8, Coach: Sam Salabasidis.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Costello 6 — Taylor 3, O'Reilly 4, McLaren 4, Campbell 4 — Bennett 4, Stevenson 3 (Richardson 56) Pata 4, McLaren 3 (sent off 33rd) — Glider 3, Latif 7, Coach: Tom Traynor.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Konstakopoulos (WA), 5. Panagis (WA), 4. Atsalas (WA), 3. Malavazos (WA), 2. Papazoglou (WA), 1. Manou (WA).

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1 (Zinni 72nd) BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Olympic Park No. 1. Crowd: about 1,500. Ratings by Craig MacKenzie:

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Keogh 7 — Geremia 7, Dowie 7, Rogers 7, Hird 8 — Cullen 6, Miranda 6, Swinscoe 6 — Sweeney 6, Lloyd 6, Zinni 6, Coach: John Margaritis.

BRISBANE LIONS: Evans 6 — Jackson 5, Vasquez 7, Hunter 7, Niven 6 — R. Stewart 5, J. Stewart 4, Ogden 5 — Junne 8, Daunt 5, Cairney 5 (inj), McDonagh 80th, Coach: Harry Noon.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Hird (Juve), 5. Junne (Lions), 4. Geremia (Juve), 3. Hunter (Lions), 2. Keogh (Juve), 1. Vasquez (Lions).

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	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
JUVENUS	6	1	23	10	13	
H'BERG-ALEXANDER	4	3	16	10	11	
WEST AD. HELLAS	4	2	16	10	13	
MAKEDONIA	3	3	10	11	9	
MELB. CROATIA	3	3	16	18	9	
Brisbane City	3	3	8	10	9	
SM-Hellas	3	2	4	13	10	8
Adel. C. Juve	3	2	4	9	9	8
Bris. Lions	2	3	4	9	13	7
Green Gully	2	3	4	8	14	7
Footscray JUST	2	2	5	9	13	6
S. Geo. Cross	1	2	6	3	20	4

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MELITA EAGLES	4	4	1	12	9	12
BLACKTOWN	5	2	2	15	13	12
SYD. C. HAKOAH	4	3	0	16	4	11
SYD. OLYMPIC	4	3	2	18	10	11
APIA-L'HARDT	4	3	1	14	8	11
Penrith	3	3	3	9	8	9
Marconi	3	3	3	14	18	9
Canberra	3	2	4	21	15	8
Newc. Rosebud	3	1	4	9	11	7
Wollongong	2	3	4	9	17	7
Syd. Croatia	1	4	4	12	20	6

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22 — Jackson (Lions), Farina (Can), Liddell (Bris City), Wade (Ajax), Selemidis (Heid), McCulloch (Marci), McPherson (Melita), Sproul (Westad), O'Reilly (SGC), 18 — Cannell (Ajax), Biskie (M. Cro), Barton (St. G), Savor (Syd. Cro), 17 — McDowell (J.U.S.T.), Dowie (B. Juve), Jankovics (Marci), Murray (Syd. City), Bundalo (Woll). Leading scorers: 6 — Farina (Can), Patterson (Heid), Bradley (APIA), Katholos (Oly), 5 — Marton (St. G), D. Brown (SMH), Arnold (Syd. Cro), Kosmina, Murray (Syd. City), Konstakopoulos (Westad), Winn (Heid), Lowe, McCulloch (Marci), Golevic (M. Cro), Brandt (N. Rose).

mond 7, Jones 8 — Brockbank 7 (Hogg 85th), Sermanni 7, Bryant 8 — Farina 7, Perinovic (Phillips 87th), Reis 7, Coach: Doug Collins.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby 7 — Curcio 8, Parton 7, Adams 7, Hannah 7 (Deankovic 84th) 8 — Biskie 7 (Lewis 64th), Antolovic 8, Faulkner 7 — Cumming 7, Brogan 8, Golevic 7, Coach: Terry Hennessey.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Bryant (Can), 5. Franken (Can), 4. Antolovic (M. Cro), 3. Curcio (M. Cro), 2. Jones (Can), 1. Brogan (M. Cro).

SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Savor 26th) ST. GEORGE 1 (Morton 19th) at King Tomislav Park. Crowd: 3600. Ratings by Andrew Dettre:

CROATIA: Watson 8 — Woods 7, Drinkwater 7, Vidaic 7, Tomasich 6 — Borges 6, Savor 7, Meades 6 — Clinch 6 (Kiwran 78th) Arnold 6, Boden 7, Coach: Mick Jones.

ST. GEORGE: Greedy 7 — Ricoy 8 (Danaos 85th) Ratcliffe 6, M. O'Shea 8, Koczka 7 — Stone 8, J. O'Shea 6, Barton 5 — Slater 6, Petkovski 5, Marton 7, Coach: Frank Arok.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Watson (SC), 5. Ricoy (St. G), 4. Koczka (St. G), 3. Woods (SC), 2. Vidaic (SC), 1. Marton (St. G).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 4 (Kosmina 6th, Murray 29th, 72nd, Dunleavy own goal 87th) BLACKTOWN CITY 1 at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 1060. Ratings by Peter Scott:

HAKOAH: Pezzano 8-Falconer 7, O'Connor 6, Robertson 7, Cant 8-Kay 6, Watson 8, Gomes 6 (De Murray 72nd) — Lee 8 (Fletcher 72nd), Kosmina 9, Murray 8, Coach: Eddie Thomson.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare 5-Wheatley 6, Pointer 6, Dunleavy 5, Rassmusen 5-Byrne 6, Selvaige 7, Sandy 5-McLaughlin 5, Eaton 5 (Quarby 46th, 5), Larkin 5, Coach: Cassey de Bruin.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Kosmina, 5. Watson, 4. Cant, 3. Pezzano, 2. Lee (all Hakoah), 1. Selvaige (Black).

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

FOOTSCRAY JUST 0 HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 3 (Selemidis 22nd, Patterson 38th, Taintzis 43rd) at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 3000. Ratings by Peter Desira:

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 5; Hazabent 6, Kyriakoulas 7, Tuttil 6, Tansey 6, Curovic 5, Belic 5, O'Donnell 7, Carroll 4 (sent off 26th), Paton 5, Lujic 5, Coach: Cedo Cirkovic.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 7, MacKie 8, Yankos 9, MacLeod 8, Marley 7, Valentine 7, Selemidis 9, Petersen 8; Patterson 7, Winn 7, Taintzis 7, Coach: Brian Garvey.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Yankos (H), 5. Selemidis (H), 4. MacKie (H), 3. MacLeod (H), 2. Petersen (H), 1. Kyriakoulas (J.U.S.T.).

GREEN GULLY AJAX 2 (McGuinness 30th, 34th) ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (Melta Pen. 60th) at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd: 1000. Ratings by Ken Kontra:

GREEN GULLY: Denys 7, Hogben 8, Cannell 7, Williams 8, Beranic 6 — Vassallo 7, Smart 6, Wade 7 (McFarland 75th), Mancinelli 7 — Carter 8, McGuinness 9 (Lewis 80th), Coach: Jimmy Rooney.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally 7 — Cecere 8, Flounders 6, Nyskhus 7, Shillaber 7 — Melta 8, Luongo 6 (De Vito halftime 7), Maxwell 7 — Mullen 8, Gatenby 7, Rankin 7, Coach: Edmund Kraft.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Melta (AC), 5. McGuinness (GGA), 4. Carter (GGA), 3. Williams (GGA), 2. Mullen (AC), 1. Cecere (AC).

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Halford 51st) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2 (Dunn 2nd, Ilioski 71st) at Middle Park. Crowd about 10,000. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

HELLAS: Turudis 5 — Russell 7, Blair 8, Yzendoorn 7, Kalitafidis 7 — Kanesoulis 9, Kiakos 5 (Postecoglou 77th), Halford 7, Murphy 6 — Egan 8, Brown 7, Coach: Len McKendry.

MAKEDONIA: Potter 8 — McMillan 9 — Dobson 7, Opanisius 7 — Petrovski 5, Dunn 7 (inj, sub Hays 72nd), Ilioski 6, Odzakov 5 — Cole 4, Lucchesi 5 (sent off 49th), Campbell 7, Coach: Peter Ollerton.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Kanesoulis (SM), 5. McMillan (Mak), 4. Egan (SM), 3. Potter (Mak), 2. Blair (SM), 1. Campbell (Mak).

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Three new Roos in clash of the leaders

From page one

The form of Patterson, Selemidis, national team sweeper **Charlie Yankos**, star right back **Ian McKie**, stopper **Don Macleod**, midfielder **Mike Paterson** and goalkeeper **Jeff Oliver** have been outstanding during Heidelberg's six-week unbeaten run.

The team is playing the ball around with tremendous confidence and flair, and its defence, which now includes also **Steve Marley** who was bought from Croydon City, must be among the best in Australia.

But Juventus loves playing against top teams. It is in matches like this that the Juventus players rise to the occasion. What's more, coach **John Margaritis**, who used to coach Heidelberg, will have studied Heidelberg's strengths and will no doubt come up with a plan to nullify them.

Heidelberg's central striker **Steve Winn** will have to cope with the tough marking of **Billy Rogers**, Patterson will have **Frank Gormley** sniping at his heels and of course there's that titanic battle between Mirandas and Selemidis.

Miranda has greater physical power, but Selemidis is more creative.

Other interesting duels will be between Petersen and Juventus's **Rob Cullen**; Macleod and Juventus striker **Joe Sweeney**; and McKie and star winger **Andrew Zinni**.

It remains to be seen whether Margaritis reinstates striker **Gary Ward** who was dropped from the match against Brisbane Lions last week. If he doesn't play, **Kevin Lloyd** will remain Sweeney's partner up front. To counteract the two of them, Heidelberg will have to drag Marley in from the left to pick up Lloyd, or sweeper Yankos will have to shoulder that responsibility.

Both goalkeepers are in fine form — Oliver of Heidelberg and **Sean Keogh** and Juventus — so both sets of forwards will have their work cut out for them.

Heidelberg coach **Brian Garvey** — the quiet man of the NSL — has encouraged a positive, attacking game which certainly has proved effective. He has lifted the players' confidence and they all appear to be enjoying their game tremendously. That's what soccer is all about, after all.

Ask me who'll win, and I'll say Heidelberg. I've learned too often never to underestimate Margaritis, but I'll take my chances.

By
FRANK PANGALLO

W.A. Hellas 7 S. Geo Cross 0

Scorers: Panagis 56', 65', 84'; Malavazos 45', 57'; Konstandopoulos 89'; Brown 14'.
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Referee: Don Campbell 5.
Send off: McLaren 33rd (S.G.C.).
Cautions: Taylor (SGC); Manou (WA).

West Adelaide Hellas — the least experienced team in the National League — slaughtered an inept Sunshine George Cross at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Not since Adelaide City Juventus' clinical 10-3 destruction of Mooroolbark back in 1978, have I witnessed such a shameful display of football.

The win was Hellas' biggest ever and is the season's biggest winning margin — so far. It put Hellas in third place on the table and took its goal difference from minus four to plus three!

Tim Brown shot Hellas into the lead after only 14 minutes

The day a bunch of Hellas kids humiliated 'Cross

Man of the Match:
GEORGE KONSTANDOPOULOS
(W.A. Hellas)

and from there on it was a procession.

Hellas was all over George Cross like ants over candy. It carved the George Cross defence up like a Sunday roast, sending the dazed visitors into a state of total confusion and disorganisation.

Don McLaren's clash with Hellas defender Papazoglou was greeted with red card by referee Donald Campbell in the 33rd minute.

After being involved in a series of missed chances and a real sitter by Atsals, George Konstandopoulos orchestrated Hellas' second. From a well timed run into the box, he

squared for the unmarked Malavazos to easily put in right on half time.

Panagis made it three a minute after kick-off and there was a frenzied 10 minute burst before Atsals sent Malavazos on his way to score easily.

Konstandopoulos had a spectacular goal disallowed but Hellas made up for it soon after. Malavazos won the ball from a gutsy challenge with George Cross keeper Tom Costello, who could only parry the shot to the menacing Panagis who took delight in thumping a low drive into the back of the net.

Panagis got his hat-trick, the first by a Hellas player since John Kosmina's days, six minutes from the end after hurling a spiteful tackle.

Konstandopoulos crowned Hellas' stunning showing, and his own fine game, by weaving his way through the dumbfounded Sunshine-George

Cross defence and slotting the ball beautifully past hapless Costello.

The capitulation was complete a minute before the end and Hellas fans and players, intoxicated by the flood of goals, were delirious.

There's little to say about Sunshine-George Cross' feeble showing except that it was a disgrace to the club and to the NSL.

Was that really John Stevenson, the former Socceroo, who was ingratiously taken off late in the game after contributing nothing of substance? Sadly, it was. He now casts a shadow twice as big as his former days at the top.

McLaren's send off epitomised the team's lack of discipline. It was then up to defender Chris Taylor to carry on where McLaren left off. Fortunately for Taylor, he got off with a caution!

Ossie Lattif was the only Sunshine-George Cross player who could hold his head up amid the shame and humiliation. At least he tried for 90 minutes.

Croatia has class, Canberra has goals

Canberra 3 Melb Croatia 0

Scorers: Bryant (penalty) 50th, Perinovic 58th, Farina 72nd.
Venue: National Sports Centre.

Cautions: Cumming, Blasby.
Referee: Tim Davies 8.

In the classic game of two halves it wasn't until a 50th minute penalty that Canberra Arrows began its march to a 3-0 home victory over Melbourne Croatia.

But let no-one dispute that penalty.

Canberra's fleet-footed front-runner Frank Farina was impeded as he went for a diving header and Sydney referee Tim Davies had no hesitation in giving the penalty.

And it was taken by Steve Bryant and converted professionally.

It was then the beginning of the end for Croatia.

But one had to agree — at least to some extent — with Melbourne Croatia's coach, Terry Hennessy's view that Melbourne lost the game in the first half by failing to convert its chances.

That this Melbourne Croatia side looked so talented — with really one minimal reinforcement from its State League days — speaks volumes for the standard of that League over its NSW counterpart.

Croatia is a skilled and talented side, one that shows great creativity and imagination.

It shaded Canberra in the first 45 minutes.

And twice it came dangerously close to scoring.

Canberra v. Illawarra

Two of the best ACT sides — and the best from Illawarra in NSW — will clash in Canberra on June 19.

Canberra's full open age rep squad and its under-21 sides will meet corresponding teams from Illawarra.

The venue is Deakin Oval with the Canberra sides being coached by Frank Maccarone.



Peter Windsor

In the 35th minute wingman Tommy Cumming, later to be badly injured, roved from left to right flank and was left unmarked.

He sped goalwards and despite the narrowing of the angle and attention from defender Mihailides and goalkeeper Franken, hit the post with the ball still bouncing precariously close to the goal-line.

Finally young Mihailides cleared. And minutes later Franken, in quite uncharacteristic fashion, dropped a harmless cross at his feet, with shouts that the ball had gone over the goal-line.

It was perilously close!

It was not a great first half, but Melbourne players like Steve Gojevic, Jozo Antolovic, Tony Curcio, David Brogan and Tommy Cumming showed their great ball skills.

Here was a cultured and impressive side.

But any side must take its chances.

Generally Canberra's defence played well — and new signing Peter Burke from Newcastle proved a great asset.

Burke is big and strong and a fine reader of the game and uncompromising tackler.

Now to the second half. The penalty changed everything.

From then on it was a different Canberra.

And Croatia was not helped by the 64th minute inclusion of Drago Deankovic and Peter Lewis for Biskic and Hannah in as much as within a minute or two Cumming sustained his injury.

He clashed with Canberra's goalkeeper Tony Franken and badly twisted his shoulder.

From then on he was a passenger — albeit a gutsy and courageous one, but coach Hennessy had used up both substitutes.

Canberra completed its tally with goals by Marko Perinovic

Man of the match:
STEVE BRYANT
(Canberra)

in the 58th minute and Frank Farina in the 72nd minute. Both were well-taken, al-

Dunn in midfield; Ilioski wins it



Laurie Schwab

SM-Hellas 1 Makedonia 2

Scorers: 0-1 Dunn 2nd, 1-1 Halford 51st; 1-2 Ilioski 71st.
Venue: Middle Park.
Cautions: Campbell (Mak), Hays (Mak).
Sent off: Lucchesi (Mak) 49th.
Referee: Stewart Mellings 6.

Makedonia overcame the loss of Claude Lucchesi, who was sent off five minutes after half-time, to beat Hellas 2-1 and revive enthusiasm among the club's supporters.

Lucchesi was sent off after a clash with Steve Blair in what appeared to be a harsh decision.

Although Makedonia won the match, it was outplayed for long periods, especially in midfield where Hellas's John Kanesoulis showed the older players how the game should be played.

Kanesoulis, 18, outplayed even Makedonia's Zarko Odzakovic, the experienced midfielder from Vardar.

Makedonia's other midfielders also have seen better days but one of them, Zoran Ilioski, had the honor of scoring the winning goal in the 71st minute.

Hellas started the match without three of its regulars — Oscar Crino, Alan Davidson and goalkeeper Peter Laumets who all were injured.

Mark Turudia made his NSL debut in Hellas's goal.

It took only two minutes for Makedonia to take the lead.

George Campbell crossed from the left, Odzakovic headed the ball goalwards, Turudia caught it but dropped it again as he fell, allowing Robbie Dunn to poke it into the net.

Dunn, usually a defender, was playing in midfield for the first time.

After that promising beginning, Makedonia lost control of the game.

Doug Brown and Charlie Egan in Hellas's attack, came so close to scoring so many times, but luck was against them.

Brown for example headed narrowly over the bar in the eighth minute and in the 20th minute goalkeeper Steve Potter dived at Brown's feet

Man of the match:
JOHN KANESOULIS
(SM-Hellas)

when the striker again looked set to score.

Carl Halford equalised for Hellas in the 51st minute, after a shot by Brown had been parried by Potter.

Makedonia captain George McMillan, who defended stoutly as usual, prevented Hellas from taking the lead when he cleared a shot from Ken Murphy off the goal line in the 57th minute.

Then came the winning goal. From a corner by Campbell, Gary Cole headed the ball against the crossbar and it bounced down to Ilioski whose first attempt was blocked by Halford but there was no stopping Ilioski the second time.

Again Hellas had a chance to draw level but a shot by Halford, only 30 seconds after Ilioski's goal, was saved brilliantly by Potter.

In the 77th minute, Hellas replaced Con Kiakos with Angelo Postecoglou. Makedonia earlier had replaced Dunn with Graham Hays.

Despite Makedonia's shortcomings last Sunday, I believe this midfield combination of Petrovski, Dunn, Ilioski and Odzakovic can be a most successful one, and coach Peter Ollerton deserves congratulations for having come up with it.

Dunn did well enough in his new position, and will get even better there. He provides the muscle to complement the skills of Odzakovic and Ilioski, while Petrovski will provide width. Ollerton also has the option of interchanging Petrovski with Con Opasinis, who marked Charlie Egan without much success last Sunday.

Makedonia and Hellas drew their youth league game 1-1, with goals by Kevin Nevrous (Makedonia) in the 20th minute and Peter Vardaxis (Hellas) in the 66th.

Ratings:
HELLAS: Akrikidis 6 — Kassidas 6, Moshopoulos 6, Mermingas 6, Vardaxis 8 — Abraham 8, Kasmeris 6 (Rizopoulos 80th), Pasakos 8, Kalogeros 7 — Mitsou 6 (inj. sub Kakavas 6, 35th), Karipidis 6.

MAKEDONIA: Trainidis 8 — Jankuloski 8, Anastasovski 7, Petrovski 7, Talevski 8 — Galevski 6 (V. Jankuloski 74th), Balevski 6 (V. Soklevski 74th), Papas 6 (Dimovski 85th) — Georgopoulos 6, Nevrous 7, Kotevski 6.



George Konstandopoulos (left) of WA-Hellas, slides to hit the ball past George Cross goalie Tom Costello. That completed Konstandopoulos' hat-trick. Others, from left: Steve Atsals (Hellas), Steve Scerri, Jim O'Reilly (Geo Cross). Picture by FRANK HOBBS

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Rizzotto, Olympic 'robbed'

Man of the match:
MARK JANKOVICS
(Marconi)



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Scorers: Theodorakopoulos (SO) 14th, Jankovics (M) 24th, McCulloch (M) 32nd, Koussas (SO) 42nd.
Venue: Pratten Park
Crowd: 4702
Cautions: Rizzotto (M) 41' Henderson 73' (M)
Red card: Rizzotto (M) 68'
Referee: Rampley 6

Joe Rizzotto, was sent off for the second time in three weeks and faces a far more severe penalty when he comes before the judiciary this week. However, I feel that the penalty this time will not fit the "crime", for Rizzotto did not deserve to be sent off.

While the previous offence was a late tackle in the first half followed by dissent during the second half against APIC, two late tackles did the trick this time.

I feel that the sentence was far too harsh.

At the crucial stage of the game Marconi was left with 10 players and exposed on the left flank. But it did little to increase Sydney Olympic's chances of winning. Sure, Olympic tried hard and in fact came close with Katsoulos hitting the woodwork, but it did little against an enthusiastic Marconi which always looked good.

Jim Petinelis, Sydney Olympic's president, was furious after the match. "We were robbed," claimed Petinelis, before a large group of reporters after Peter Rampley had made yet another controversial decision, one which went against Olympic in the 47th minute.

Jimmy Patikas appeared to have been brought down by Tony Henderson, but the referee had no hesitation in awarding Olympic an indirect free

kick inside the area. Nothing came of it and Olympic certainly felt hard done by.

It was a hard match and an entertaining one too. First blood was drawn by the home side. Gary Phillips employed Koussas on the right flank and the ex-Socceroo made haste before curling his cross for Nick Theodorakopoulos to head home brilliantly.

It was Nick's second goal in as many matches in the NSL and further proof that his 17 goals in the State League last year were no fluke.

Marconi came back through its best striker, Mark Jankovics. He latched onto a cross from David Lowe to left-foot it past a few legs and make it 1-1. It was cool and efficient — the mark of a top striker.

Only eight minutes later Jankovics was on hand to play a through ball for Tom McCulloch who with an easy pass, got Marconi's second goal.

With three minutes remaining Olympic came back through yet another effort from Koussas. His low cross found Theodorakopoulos, and only some hurried Marconi defence prevented a goal.

From the resultant corner kick the ball went to the far post for Mike Coady to cross back into the area and Koussas was on hand to smack it home.

With two minutes to go Rod Brown scored but was ruled off-side to end this match on a spectacular note.

For the unfortunate Rizzotto it was a tragedy. He played so well and in fact started to give Marconi great drive on the left flank when he got his marching orders from the field and maybe from the national team also.

For Koussas it was a welcome return to form, while Marshall Soper must be thinking hard about his position at Olympic.

Aerial power



Ricky Rosso

Brisb City 0 APIA 0

Venue: Spencer Park
Cautions: Morsello (APIA)
Referee: Dave Nugent 9.

Big stopper Frank Liddell is fast becoming Brisbane City's lone attacking force.

The former Hearts, Alloa and Stirling player, ranks among the most dominant in the air — a feature which City uses on nearly every deadball situation over the halfway line.

Be it from a long throw-in from Gary Bromfield or a Frank Pimblett free kick curled into the box, Liddell seems to always get his head to the ball first. But his team-

Man of the match!
FRANK LIDDELL
(Brisbane City)

mates are yet to capitalise on the advantage.

Twice in this match, Liddell defied the numerous APIA defence hanging off him to get a vital touch and steer the ball across the goals. But none of Liddell's team-mates could get in quick enough to get a second touch.

But APIA's Arno Bertogna emerged as the most competent defender on the park.

Bertogna was superb in marshalling the APIA defence to block City on the break — the only way the home side would score playing its defensive 4-4-2 formation.

The best scoring opportunity fell to APIA's John Bradley in the final minute. Bradley received a defence piercing ball from Ian Gray. But with only Wishart to beat, Bradley blasted a shot across the face of goal.



Lions' star recruit Ray Junna (left) shoots at goal past Harry Hird. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

Andrew Zinni's spark of genius

B. Juventus 1 Bris. Lions 0

Scorers: Zinni 72nd.
Venue: Olympic Park No. 1
Crowd: about 1,500.
Cautions: Vasquez (Lions).
Referee: Zoumas 7.

Brunswick Juventus, 1984 style, lacks the flair, panache, verve, sparks of individual magic which each week brought thousands of Italians to watch Juve in 1970 but the results are the same — the black and whites are on top of the league ladder.

Just one spark of genius — from young winger Andrew Zinni — was all that it took to beat Brisbane Lions on Anzac Day last week.

That's a condemnation of Lions' display here but it takes two to tango, or waltz slowly as was the case in this match. The spectacle epitomised the problem of Australian club soccer at the highest level. We just can't entertain consistently. And that's the root cause of poor attendances.

Sure, there are a few thousand Italians who always will watch Juve perform, especially if it's winning games. Thousands more however, want \$5 worth of stimulation.

The first half was so forgettable that I forget any unforgettable incidents that took place.

Except one. We all thought that referee Sam Zoumas instructed a six year old ball boy



Man of the Match:

HARRY HIRD
(B. Juventus)

to cover his Juventus strip. How ludicrous, we thought, that Mr Zoumas felt that this unobtrusive youngster was somehow confusing the vision of the 22 men out on the park.

That wasn't the case. Zoumas was pointing out that there only should be six people on the Juve bench. The ball boy was in the firing line between the referee and bench and seconds later, when it started to rain, he donned a black tracksuit top.

Right. That's got Zoumas off the hook with Juve fans.

The winning goal came in the 72nd minute. Zinni slipped past a defender then hammered in a 30 metre shot, low into the far corner of goal.

Joe Cairney made a great run, cutting in from the right, in the 75th minute. He had got free when Billy Rogers slipped but just when Cairney pre-

pared to shoot from 12 metres, Rogers showed his tremendous recovery by charging back and sliding down to rob the Lions striker.

The expected threat of Lions' beanstalk Calvin Daunt never materialised. Rogers, who has a great leap, did well in the air against the Lions striker.

Daunt came closest to scoring in the second half when he outjumped Sean Keogh and headed goalward but Harry Hird cleared on the goal line.

Hird again saved Juventus in the 90th minute. A corner from the right dropped to Russell Stewart at the far post. Keogh parried Stewart's shot but the ball lobbed up in the air and Stewart headed over the stranded goalie only to see Hird head off the line.

God knows why Canberra Arrows didn't snap up Ray Junna from the Institute of Sports. The little Lions winger, while unable to test Keogh, was the only Lions player knocking the ball about inside the attacking third. He always offered himself and once in possession, would play balls into team mates feet then set off in support.

What a game the elegant Hird had. Never flustered, prepared to go forward, passing well, even taking on and beating opponents, the Juventus left back proved just what a class NSL player he is.

In a match that always struggled to get out of low gear, Hird's and Junna's displays were excellent.

Hakoah keeps going — on and off the field

Hakoah 4 Blacktown 0

Scorers: Kosmina 6th, Murray 29th and 72nd, Dunleavy own goal 87th.
Venue: Sydney Athletic Field.
Referee: Garry Power 7.



Man of the Match:

JOHN KOSMINA
(Syd. Hakoah)

Blacktown City's proud position at the head of the Australian Conference league ladder was put into proper context on Anzac Day.

In fact, if the last post was sounded at full time, it wouldn't have been out of place.

From the kick-off, this was little more than a cakewalk for the Hakoah boys, who set about their task with two major incentives in their minds.

Firstly, a few days earlier, Hakoah's board of directors finally bowed to the loud demands of members over the past year and a half and announced a firm undertaking to continue permanently in top class soccer.

The news was announced to players by Hakoah soccer chairman Sam Fiszman, and it affected the whole team as if a great rock had been lifted from their shoulders.

The second reason was articulated by young goalie Tony Pezzano: "We were out to put to shame all those who have been booing us every week."

There was certainly no booing, only cheers and new-found enthusiasm among the Blues' faithful band of supporters — and they had lots to cheer about.

From start to finish it was all Hakoah.

In the sixth minute Joe Watson took a free kick from the left edge of the penalty box

Coaches' quotes

CASEY DE BRUIN (Blacktown): "The team did not have the strength to carry out its normal close-marking. We were beaten to the ball for most of the match and that was the major reason for the loss."

EDDIE THOMSON (Hakoah): "Blacktown was a workmanlike team and they take stopping but we want to give everyone a hiding."

"It was our first game in ten days and I would rather have been in Blacktown's position having played four games in that period to keep the team at maximum fitness."

and John Kosmina burst into connect with a magical flying header to open accounts.

It was a fine illustration of the difference between good players and a great one — anticipation.

Slightly more than 20 minutes later, Willie Murray pushed home the first of his goals after a goalmouth scramble making his personal tally two 72 minutes into the match.

This one would have been controversial in almost any circumstances except in a match which was as one-sided as this.

Up to that stage, the refereeing trio under Garry Power was well on top of the situation, but on this occasion Hakoah starlet Grant Lee, in swashbuckling form all day, was allowed to race down field in a glaring off-side situation.

Lee cut the ball back from the bye-line and Murray was on the spot again to slot it into the net from no more than a metre out.

When Chris Dunleavy was unlucky enough to head kick his own net from a corner kick by Jean Paul de Marigny just three minutes from the final whistle, it was only the icing on the cake for Hakoah.

Apart from about 10 minutes, following the first goal, when there was a strange procession of midfield mistakes, last year's NSL runner-up absolutely devastated the Blacktown boys.

Kosmina's impeccable form is great encouragement for the Socceroos' during the major tests next month and in June, as is that of Joe Watson, who just seems to go on and on, season after season, and never mind the passing years.

But even more encouraging for Hakoah is the steady maturing of its newest crop of youngsters — Lee, Keith Falconer, Graeme Fletcher and de Marigny.

They follow in the footsteps of dozens over the years, with rookie Socceroo Tony Pezzano and fringe aspirant Gerry Gomez their immediate predecessors.

Gomez wasn't quite at his top in this match, but generally speaking he is one of the nation's most reliable utility players.

Blacktown's players were outclassed on the day, with only veteran Stuart Selva posing occasional danger for the home squad.

Well known players like Rob Wheatley and Gary Byrne were made to look very ordinary while Clive Eaton — in the midst of something of a comeback and among the scorers in recent games — didn't even manage to last out the match, being replaced at half time.

Blacktown is a useful team, but it is questionable whether it can live up to the star billing it has received in recent weeks.

It certainly won't be in danger of relegation back to the NSW State League, unless it collapses completely during the second half of the season — but I don't think so.

Drinkwater Croatia's 8th newcomer

Syd Croatia 1 St. George 1

Scorers: Marton (St. G.) 19th, Savor (Crl) 26th.
Venue: King Tomislav Park.
Cautions: Tomaseich.
Referee: Doug Rennie.

Roy Drinkwater, Sydney Croatia's 8th signing this year, gave his club a much needed backbone though Croatia's attack still is rather anaemic. But beginner's luck saved Mick Jones from starting off his

Croatia coaching career with a defeat.

The Saints in the second half had four enormous chances in the goalmouth but managed to mull the lot.

The omens weren't the best for St. George from the start. The car, driven by star striker Dez Marton, which carried the team's gear to outlying Fairfield, was involved in a prang.

And there was goalie Terry Greedy, stripping to play with smallpox (incorrectly reported as measles last week).

Both teams had a lot to play for. The Saints had lost their last two matches — Croatia their last six plus their coach.

A splendid Ken Boden volleyed in the 8th minute sailed wide from 25 metres, then the Saints took over, mounting some swift and deft attacks.

In the 18th minute a world class goal by Dez Marton stunned the Croatia crowd.

Marton received a pass from Slater, lobbed the ball over Woods, turned and slammed the falling ball into the corner — all reminiscent of Pele's great goal in the 1958 World Cup.

Just as the Saints were about to assert a winning superiority, Croatia struck back.

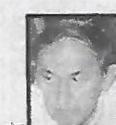
In the 26th minute Savor slammed through the centre of a

Coaches' quotes

FRANK AROK (St. George): "At least we overcame our silly slump in form, and certainly played better than we did in our last two games."

"Everyone did the right job gave everything."

MICK JONES (Syd. Croatia): "I'm delighted to have a man a point off St. George first up."



Man of the Match:

STEVE WATSON
(Syd Croatia)

retreating defence, deceived the goalie with a dummy and whacked his shot in from 12 metres.

Slater should have made it 2-1 in the 48th minute when he tried to volley home an easy shot in the goalmouth — but miskicked.

In the second half it was largely St. George — but no avail.

Young Peter Petkovski was the chief culprit with three stunning misses, all in the goalmouth; in between, Robbie Slater also missed a sitter.

In three of the instances Croatia goalie Watson also de-



serves credit for the saves, throwing himself into close range shots.

In the end, neither camp was unhappy with the result; both managed to avoid a dreaded defeat, ending a very bad string of losses.

If Watson caught the eye in the Croatia goal, young Pedro Ricoy certainly stole the show for the Saints.

This Uruguay-born youngster is maturing very rapidly and looms as one of the rare gem finds of the season.

St. George showed vast improvement on its previous form; it appears to be on the mend especially Peter Stone, Slater and Marton.

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Foots. JUST 0 Heidelberg 3

Scorers: Selemidis 22m, Patterson 35m, Taintis 43m. Referee: Bernie Upjohn 5. Cautions: Tutill, Winn, O'Donnell, Balic, Lujic. Sent off: Carroll (JUST) 26th m. Venue: Schintler Reserve.

A rusty Dennis Boland, injuries to Gary McDowell, Zdravko Lujic and Igor Hazabent, and the harsh line of referee Bernie Upjohn all combined to stretch JUST's home hoodoo as the hosts ran full-pelt into a well-oiled Heidelberg-Alexander machine.

Boland, recalled hastily because of the premature retirement of Lou Tsigaras, admitted after the game that his lengthy absence has affected his judgement.

Man of the Match:

CHARLIE YANKOS
(Heidelberg)



Peter Desira

"I haven't played at all this season and haven't done much goalkipping training while coaching South Melbourne-Mordialloc in the Second Division, so it will take some time to regain my touch.

"Hopefully they'll still want me when I do get that," Boland said.

Gary McDowell pulled out of the game with achilles tendon problems and there is no guarantee he will be back for this week's match either.

Both Lujic and Hazabent missed training early in the week and Lujic certainly would have rested himself, had JUST had adequate re-

placements for the forward line.

He has proved to be best value for the club when able to take on and beat men with his speed to provide the crosses from the wing or to cut inside and test goalkeepers.

On Sunday, with a heavily strapped thigh, it was obvious that feature of his game would never be prominent and he was soundly beaten in every duel he had with Ian MacKie.

Referee Upjohn adopted a strict stance on foul language and dissent, sending off Joe Carroll after only 26 minutes after the striker swore at him near the half way line while Heidelberg was attacking down one end of the field.

He also ended up with five bookings, nearly all for dissent.

JUST coach Cedo Cirkovic refused to criticise Carroll's red card, saying that players have to learn to control their mouth.

But in all honesty, players are beginning to wonder where they stand with referees, with some accepting that in moments of frustration, players can't help swearing, while others wave yellow cards all over the place.

But finding excuses for JUST's performance is a little beside the point, because Heidelberg's win was fully deserved. Heidelberg played the most fluent football I have seen from them for well over 12 months.

The forward line has top men in Scott Patterson and Steve Winn, while Pashalis Tzintzis is bound to become a thorn in many a defensive line as the season wears on.

Mike Petersen has improved spectacularly and Theo Selemidis is covering so much ground one wonders where he gets all the energy.

At the back Charlie Yankos stood out like a beacon, rebuffing anything JUST could throw at him. And his cohorts, Ian MacKie and Don Macleod, also justified the praise coach Brian Garvey has been heaping on them.

With all that in their favor, it was little wonder the Berbers crammed three goals into the first half — and but for bad luck could well have ended up with a cricket score.

Yankos started the attacking move which earned the freekick for the first goal after 22 minutes.

The defender's long through ball found Patterson, and Boland had to come off his line to check the striker's run just outside the box.

Selemidis bent the resultant freekick around the wall into the far side of the net for number one.

Boland again left his line for the second goal but completely missed in his attempt to punch out Mike Valentine's corner kick from the right, allowing Patterson a free header into an empty net.

The best goal came two minutes from the break, with a great run out of defence by Macleod, down the right flank and a low centre into the box which was hit on the volley by Tzintzis.

The same pattern continued after the break but somehow a combination of desperate defending, inaccurate shooting, better goalkipping from Boland and, in one instance, the upright, maintained the score at a respectable level.

Petersen came closest, beating Boland with a piledri- only to see the ball rebound off the post.

Without Carroll on and this showing, JUST will be hard pressed to get a result this week even if it is against bottom-of-the-table team George Cross.

On the other hand, Heidelberg will go into the top-of-the-table clash with Juventus full of confidence and if they remain on song, that match will be worth going a long way to see.



Ricky Rosso

Man of the match:
MARSHALL SOPER
(NSW)

Arok rehearses 'Roo tactics in 2-0 win over Queensland

QUEENSLAND 0 NEW SOUTH WALES 2 (Soper 42nd, Kosmina 49th) at Perry Park. Crowd about 5000. Ratings by Ricky Rosso:

QUEENSLAND: Wishart 7 — Perry 6 (Jackson 6 halftime), Hunter 8, Liddell 8, Niven 7 — R. Stewart 5, Pimblett 6, J. Stewart 7 — McDonagh 5, Mountford 5, (Ogden 58th, 7), Daunt 7. Coach: Bruce Stowell.

NSW: Greedy 7 — Cant 7, O'Connor 8, Ratcliffe 7, Robertson 7, Jennings 8 — Watson 8 (Slater 78th), Gray 7, Raskopoulos 7 — Kosmina 7, Soper 9. Coach: Frank Arok.

National coach Frank Arok won the first round in his battle against the critics as New South Wales easily beat Queensland 2-0 at Perry Park in Brisbane.

But with the New South Wales side containing up to seven players likely to be in the Australian A team, the Blues should have been much more resounding against what was an out-of-form Queensland team.

NSW won, or was given a huge portion of the possession but failed to turn it into goals.

While Marshall Soper, and to a lesser degree John Kosmina, looked sharp, the New South Wales team was a defensive outfit which relied on short bursts of attack.

Arok used the plan to effect against England and now seems almost certain to do the same in the forthcoming international series.

The NSW backline of Cant, Ratcliffe and O'Connor, backed by Robertson and Jennings, had no trouble holding a poor Queensland attack.

With Danny Wright out injured, Queensland had nothing up front.

Daunt tried bravely, occasionally beating O'Connor in the air, but McDonagh and Mountford were slow and lacked control.

NSW was at its most dangerous when it attacked down the flanks, through Watson on the right and Jennings on the left.

But Queensland gave the visitors the first goal. NSW was moving down the centre, seemingly with nowhere to go, as Queensland tightened the defence. But Soper was able to lose his marker and Raskopoulos found him with a pinpoint pass.

With the Queensland defence flat, Soper simply marched through to cannon his shot under the unprotected Wishart.

Kosmina put the issue beyond doubt four minutes after the break. The goal was made by a good run from Jennings.

The fullback was allowed to wait past several players before knocking a cross to the near post where Kosmina rose to nod in.

The goal made amends for Kosmina's penalty miss in the first half.

Steve Perry, who went off at half time with a torn thigh muscle, gave the penalty away when he tackled Jennings ruthlessly in the 32nd minute. It was a just decision for NSW, which had been denied a penalty earlier after an apparent handball by Liddell.

Despite sending Wishart the wrong way and having the left-hand side of the goal at his mercy, Kosmina hooked his attempt wide of the upright.

It was a let-off on which Queensland should have capitalised, but the home team, which won the corresponding fixture 3-0 last year, never really looked competitive until John Ogden replaced Mountford 13 minutes into the second half.

Ogden provided the pace and crossfield running which had been missing in the Queensland attack. But against the powerful NSW central defence he made little head way on his own.

Arok was pleased with his team and himself after the match and reiterated that NSW would provide the nucleus of the Australian side.

"I have the players who give me the right mixture. For another player to be included now he would have to be good, really good. It's like a cocktail, you get the blend right and you must stick to it. You just can't keep adding," Arok said.

Queensland coach Bruce Stowell acknowledged NSW was the better side on the day.

"The bait was there but they didn't go for it. Some of our players just didn't go for it. Some of our players just didn't perform as well as they can and that made it difficult for the others," Stowell said.

Two goals, then off!

Green Gully 2 AC Juventus 1

Scorers: McGuinness 30th and 34th, Melta (penalty) 60th. Venue: Green Gully Reserve. Cautions: Smart, Vassallo (G.C.) Flounders (A.C.). Referee: Jim Fokianos 7.

Green Gully's coach Jimmy Rooney found himself in the unusual situation of having two recognised goalscorers at his disposal. Bobby McGuinness, ex Morwell Falcons, was in the starting line-up, but Paul Lewis made only a brief appearance with 10 minutes of play remaining. In fact he replaced the other recruit, McGuinness, who after an explosive first half, had a relatively quiet second period.

Rooney also replaced Paul Wade with Steve McLennan in the 75th minute, trying to bolster the midfield, which at that stage was dominated by Sergio Melta, Mark Gatenby and Steve Maxwell.

Neither change was as effective as Edmund Kref's half-time move, when he replaced Ernie Luongo with Pat De Vito, putting the youngster on the right wing, and pulling Mark Gatenby back to the

Melita hits top spot

Melita 1 Penrith 1

Scorers: Cotton 16th, Farrugia 20th. Venue: Melita Stadium. Crowd: About 2,500. Cautions: Don Allan (ME) Referee: Ken Small 7.

Melita Eagles hit top spot in the Australian Conference after collecting a point in a hard fought but unattractive match against Penrith.

However, if Melita is to

Man of the Match:

IAN WOTHERSPOON
(Penrith)



Alex Vesic

Penrith but apart from that, did very little to get his side moving. The same goes for out of touch Don Allan and Billy Griffith.

Alex Jamieson tried hard and his tussles with Micky Cross were the highlights of the afternoon with Jamieson just edging Cross out.

Penrith also struggled. Brian Jackson and David McIntosh were missing and it was a blow to the men from Emu Plains.

But the man who made an impact in this match was Ian Wotherspoon. He worked hard, and should get overtime money from coach Willie Wallace for his efforts.

After 82 minutes and the sides locked at 1-1, Wotherspoon broke through on the right to unleash a powerful drive which cannoned off McPherson for a corner. Had that gone in it would have been a deserved goal for a fine all-round effort by the Penrith striker.

Penrith scored its only goal from a mistake by McPherson. A shot from Ian Hunter was dropped by McPherson and Roy Cotton was on hand to pot it back into the net after 16 minutes. Melita replied four minutes later through a fine effort from Farrugia who rifled his right footer wide of Gibson from 16 metres.

remain at the top, much improvement is needed, especially in midfield where creativity is lacking.

Ray Farrugia, Melita's midfielder and Maltese international, scored a great goal after 20 minutes to put his team on even terms against

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Gladiator syndrome puts children at risk

Johnny raced to reach the ball as a defender closed in to try to cover the path to goal.

It was a situation he had been in dozens of times before in the 160 games he had played already that season, but this time there was a difference.

Johnny could feel a tearing sensation in his right knee, as if somebody had cut into him with a knife, and he released a cry of pain as he collapsed to the ground.

It was the last time he was ever going to challenge for a ball. He was burned out and finished as a footballer.

Johnny was just 14 years old. The above is the dramatic start to a special report released recently in England on overplayed schoolboy soccer players.

It is a fictional case but, really, a fact for many young players who are being pushed beyond their physical limits in the quest for soccer pride and prizes.

Too often it is the pride of pushy parents, and ambitious junior coaches that is the root cause of one of the most alarming traumas in football.

They coax and cajole youngsters into playing more competitive soccer than is good for them and many are worn out before they have reached physical maturity.

The report, which was issued by Mike Varney, physiotherapist

at Tottenham Hotspur, has a complete history on Johnny the fictional character mentioned above.

Johnny's history bears resemblance to some of our young players in Australia who start their competitive career at the ripe old age of six.

Some of the young players have been playing competitive soccer for 10 years by the time they reach 16.

During that period it's possible they have trained twice a week at their club and played at the weekend. That's fine but in that time they could have played sport a number of days at school including representing the school at soccer, football, swimming, athletics and maybe cricket.

What is wrong with that, you may argue. It's healthy and it's good for them.

It can be good for them but unfortunately in many of the above cases they may have to endure the competitive environment which of course involves the pushy parent and the over-ambitious school teacher and junior coach.

Much has been written about the effect of the above stresses on the young player's mind.

Very often the young player just goes through the motions of playing, without using his head because of this pushy environment.



TIM WHITE
Victorian coaching director

The coaches who select representative teams at this level are often looking for "thinking players" with playing ability.

When representative honors do not come the way of the boy the reaction of the pushy parent and coach is to encourage the boy to step up his effort to make the representative coach sit up and take notice.

Coupled with the reports on mental stress we now have, this report by Mike Varney outlines some of the physical stresses which have actually forced young boys to give up sport or at least have a long break from it.

Varney asks if you ever have heard of Osgood-Schlatter.

It is in fact a medical term for injuries caused by wear and tear and over-use of the limbs of youngsters, and Varney suggests more and more young footballers are becoming familiar with the term as they breakdown under the stress and strain of too much football.

There is a growing concern about it in the professional game

in England. Varney made the disturbing statement that he has seen 300 cases of Osgood-Schlatter injuries to young players in five years.

He commented: "These kids are victims of what I call the Gladiator Syndrome. They are sent out to do battle for parents and teacher who want to bask in their reflected glory."

He added: "I'm not saying that every boy who plays 200 games a year breaks down, but a high percentage do."

As conditioned, robotic athletes they are not allowed to get on which playing the game the way it should be played. Sooner or later they become fed up with football, playing like mini-robots with no flair or imagination and their potential can fade by the time they reach 14."

Former England international Jimmy Greaves, commenting on the report said: "I have been saying for years that there is too much pressure on schoolboy footballers. When I was a kid I always

had a ball at my feet, knocking it against walls and lamp posts and sharpening my skills that way."

Nowadays you rarely see kids playing with a ball in the street or park simply because they are playing too much competitive football, which drains their appetite and enthusiasm for the game.

"I don't think playing too much football is the trouble, rather playing too much pressure football. Go to any park's pitch on a Saturday or Sunday and you will see parents and teachers screaming and yelling at kids, demanding extra effort and putting the fear of God into them."

They are not allowed to develop natural skills and have teachers and parents — often failed footballers themselves — talking mumbo-jumbo tactics.

"I don't think kids should play competitive football until they are at least 13 or 14. Let them enjoy the game and find out just what they can do without anybody stifling the inventive minds that youngsters have."

Trevor Brooking of West Ham and England said: "Football can be dangerous for youngsters if they are taught to regard it as the be-all-and-end-all."

"Up to the age of 11, I believe boys should play for fun only. After that, competition should be balanced carefully with training in football skills."

Spurs manager Keith Bur-

kinshaw is outspoken on the subject: "Boys are not machines," he says.

"We've got to take kids away from the pressure of competing from the age of eight."

Kevin Keegan believes that many schoolboy footballers are given unfair pressure at too early an age. "I was 15 before I started doing any serious training," he says. "In two years I had improved so dramatically that it probably accounted for my later successes."

"If I had done all that by the age of 11 or 12 I would not have

had the necessary hunger or appetite for the game."

Disturbing facts indeed from Mike Varney and wise words from the international stars.

The facts and advice should be taken seriously as I have seen several cases of Osgood-Schlatter conditions in Australia.

The answer appears to be mainly in the hands of the parent, who should monitor the activities of the youngster at competitive level and just as importantly, monitor their own behaviour to reduce their pushy attitudes and allow more enjoyment to be had by the kids when playing games.

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Tom Costello: Glory one day, despair the next

By **LAURIE SCHWAB**

When Tom Costello dove low to his right to stop John Yzendoorn's penalty in George Cross's 1-0 victory over SM-Hellas, he not only capped a brilliant NSL debut, but also maintained the tradition of spectacular goalkeeping that has characterised the league competition so far.

But glory was followed by utter despair, as Costello conceded no less than seven goals six days later, against West Adelaide Hellas in Adelaide. The fast, young Melita players ran rings around their slower opponents, leaving Costello exposed for much of the match.

Five goalkeepers were among the leaders in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 player of the year award before the split round of matches — Tony Frankan (Canberra), Barry Hoare (Blacktown), Kim

Wishart (Brisbane City), Alex McPherson (Melita Eagles) and Gary Sproul (West Adelaide Hellas).

Frankan, who played for Australia in the world youth championship finals in Mexico last year, has been the best of them, having been voted man of the match four times so far.

And it's his first season in senior soccer! McPherson has been man of the match three times, Hoare twice and Sproul twice.

Other goalkeepers who have had that distinction once each are Jeff Olver (Heidelberg), Clint Goaling (Newcastle KB), Sean Keogh (B.U. Juventus), Tony Pozzana (S.C. Hakoah), Robert Cox (Newcastle-Rosebud), Costello and Steve Watson (Sydney Croatia).

George Cross coach Tommy Traynor picked up Costello for the bargain price of \$700 from Victorian State League club Albion Rovers just a few weeks ago.

"I looked at it this way," Traynor says, "Albion Rovers were one of the most unfashionable teams in the league, yet no-one could really threaten them and I put that down to good goalkeeping."

"I watched him three or four times last year and I was really impressed. It was surprising that none of the big clubs had given him a chance."

Costello wasn't fit when he joined George Cross, and he also suffered two injuries after moving to Chaplin Reserve — a burst blood vessel in his calf, and a damaged hip.

It was so bad that in a game for the George Cross youth team, against Melbourne Croatia, he could only dive to one side.

He wasn't going to play that day, but agreed to help out because the youth team goalkeeper, Paul Tomlinson, had six stitches in his hand.

Tomlinson, incidentally, should also



"Man Mountain" Kim Wishart remonstrates with referee Kibbler.



Melita Eagles' keeper Alex McPherson punches clear of Croatia's Graham Arnold (left).

GOALKEEPERS GRAB THE LIMELIGHT



Tony Frankan
(Canberra)



Gary Sproul
(West Ad. Hellas)



Barry Hoare
(Blacktown)

develop into a top goalkeeper. "He's a good one; he'll make it," says Traynor in his economical way.

But back to Costello, who came as a migrant from Scotland, where he played for Dumbarton and Hamilton Accies.

"We lost 6-1 to Marconi, and although Alan Contini wasn't at all to blame for any of the goals, I thought the big loss may have affected Alan's confidence, so I decided to make a change."

Costello, 27, spent his first season with Albion Rovers in the reserves, where he saved eight out of 10 penalties!

Holloway takes Manly to top, but watch Avala

Manly Warringah is the leader of the NSW State League after six rounds. But only three points separate six teams at the top.

The Seasideers accounted for Avala midweek (8-0) and Polonia on Sunday (2-0) to 90 into top spot on goal difference from Inter Monaro.

The side from Queanbeyan is showing a lot of fire power, with 19 goals to its credit, but its problem is definitely at the back, for nine goals have been conceded in the past six games.

Sutherland registered its second loss of the season, going down to Auburn at Mona Park. The side is out of the top four on goal difference and will have to win against Rockdale Ilinden this week if it is to go into the top four.

Rockdale, after losing five points in its past three matches, is on the verge of dropping out of top four, but will have its chance against Sutherland at Seymour Shaw on Sunday. Like so many other clubs in the State League, Rockdale suffers from inefficiency in front of goal. Despite the presence of Ross Brown and Branko Karanfilovski and more than half a dozen chances against Canterbury, the side lost the match 1-0.

Auburn will go to Parklands Oval on Saturday with the knowledge that the win can put it into the top four. Andrew Prentice and an ex-Auburn player, Terry Bertram, will stand between Auburn and success at Parklands. Auburn's hard-working coach Lubo Goykovic has transformed this outfit into one of the most efficient in the League.

Avala, sitting at the bottom of the table, should finish much higher. The club has recruited half of its side from among ex-Marconi players and should start climbing.

Manly Warringah 2 Polonia 0

Score: Holloway 40th, 55th.
Venue: Cromer Park.

Mark Holloway was the villain and the hero of Manly as the side registered its fourth success of the season to go to the top of the State League.

He was the main culprit behind Manly's lack of success in the first half. Almost from the kick-off, Holloway stood facing Barker with an easy cross from Steve Leak coming his way. But the header by Holloway went over the bar. Then came another miss by Holloway, following some

good work by John Dick. Minutes after resumption, however, Holloway was in a better mood, beating Barker with a well-placed chip only to see Galas clear off the line. But seconds later Polonia succumbed. Bruce Doyle found Williamson, a neat through ball to Holloway followed and Barker was beaten 1-0.

Ten minutes later Tom Steven's determined run paid off, as his cross found Holloway who headed past Barker for Manly's No. 2.

Tom Steven, Jones, Stuart and Pagano played very well indeed for the winning side, with Ian Barker having to do most of his side's defending.

Bankstown 0 Yugal 0

Venue: Porta Park.

Both sides had periods of play when it looked as if that elusive goal may come, particularly Yugal during the last 20 minutes, but apart from some good efforts by Lubo Zivkovic and Chris Thaminides, the rest of the side failed to make an attempt.

Steve Giffin, Bankstown's custodian, was in fine form. Phil Dolton was another fine performer for Bankstown while its main front-line power, El Hoseini, was yet again marked out of the game.

For Yugal, Turkbleu, Zivkovic and Clarke performed well while its front line went for a "snooze" on a warm Sunday afternoon.

Auburn 1 Sutherland 0

Score: Kelly 55th.

The Sharks have lost their bite and despite some good and constructive play do not have the punch needed to succeed. "We get to the opponents' penalty area, but then as if mesmerised, our players cannot finish off the move," said a dejected Vic Dalfovo, Sutherland's star defender, after the match.

In fact Sutherland appeared to have more of the play at Mona Park and for the better part of the match, looked a winner.

Stoddart hit the woodwork early, then Gray repeated the dose in the closing stages. Nigel Groome had an ideal opportunity with eight minutes to go after David Watt had handled on the line.

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

However, Carlos Rosano "read" Groome's penalty shot well and dived to his right to save.

Despite some heavy pressure by Sutherland in the last 10 minutes Auburn held well to take the points.

Its winning goal came after 55 minutes when Mick Kelly scored from some eight metres after a melee inside the area. Tony O'Shana scored during the opening period of play but his goal was disallowed for an infringement.

That apart, Auburn showed rare courage and discipline to down its much-fancied opponent, with Ron Geekie, Steve Knight, George Akoutas and Ray Carney in tremendous touch.

For Sutherland Jimmy Webber was the pick among other good performances from Dalfovo, Schumann and Hesford.

Inter Monaro 4 Warr. Narabeen 1

Score: Sandtner 1st, Valeri 20th, 85th, Giampaolo 43rd, 65th.

Sebastian Giampaolo and Tony Brennan were the home team's stars while Peter Dean, in goal for Kuringai, saved the visitors from a heavier defeat.

Narabeen shocked its host by scoring in the opening minute through Gary Sandtner, but that failed to dampen Monaro's enthusiasm and the home side was quickly on top.

Walter Valeri and Giampaolo gave their side the lead before half time, then added one each in the second half to put up a convincing scoreline.

It was during the second half of play that Inter looked like swamping Warringah but the score remained 2-1 until midway through that period before Giampaolo made it 3-1.

Then, with only a minute to go, Inter scored from the spot kick. Monteroso waltzed his way through some three tacklers before beating Dean only to see Collins handle on the line. Valeri converted to send his side to a convincing position on the League table.

Peter and Alan Dean, Sandtner and Gary Rimmer played well for the visitors while Monaro's best were its attacking trio of Brennan, Giampaolo and Monteroso.

Avala 1 Kuringai 3

Score: Jeffery 11th, Tracey 31st, Budini 74, Hunter 89th.

Venue: Knight Park.

Avala played all over Kuringai for most of this match at Knight Park, particularly in the second half but came off second best after some sloppy finishing by its star-studded side.

Ricky Budini and Vic Bozanic from Marconi, joined Avala midweek, making the side one of the strongest in the State League. It now has Richie Williams, Nikola Duvnjak, Lucchessi, Budini and Bozanic from Marconi and at least on paper looks the strongest possible candidate but results are still far from satisfying.

Kuringai neatly scored two, then sat back to defend its lead in the second half.

Quigley's through ball in the fourth minute was followed by Jeffery and Barton, with the Avala defender unable to stop Jeffery's shot which gave Kuringai the lead.

Then Andy Tracey found the net from a melee inside Avala's penalty area in the 31st minute.

Budini cut Kuringai's lead to one goal in the 74th after a long siege of Prentice's goal and when all looked set for Avala to take at least a point Prentice came to the rescue with some fine saves. Neal Hunter was brought on for Jeffery in the 89th minute and immediately scored! With his first touch of the ball he "rolled" at least three Avala would-be tacklers, then beat Thurlo!

Rockdale Ilinden 0 Canterbury 1

Score: Dounis 82nd.

Venue: Seymour Shaw Park.

Canterbury's defence was in tatters but somehow survived, even when Rockdale appeared to have scored a legitimate goal from the penalty spot.

Terry Jones scored after 15 minutes and the referee seemed to have given a goal. However, the ball went through the netting and out. After consulting his linesman the referee changed his mind and Canterbury received a goalkick!

In the 82nd minute Louis

Dounis found himself alone in the penalty area to face Kotzohambos and made no mistake with his shot to give the Berries their third win of the season.

For the winners Konistis, Hatzifotis and Dounis had fine games, while Jones, Slavessi and Darren Wilson played well for the losers.

Avala 0

Manly Warringah 8

Score: Stuart 8th, Leak 50th, 55th, 85th, Holloway 38th, 70th, 75th, 81st.

Venue: Knight Park

An incredible game and an incredible result. Sure, Avala had conceded six goals in a match already this season, but that was with nine versus eleven (Avala had two players sent off against Rockdale when the score was 1-2, then lost 1-6).

On this occasion Manly led by two goals at half time and certainly didn't look like swamping Avala at that stage. Robbie Stuart opened the scoring early and Mark Holloway made it 2-0 just before half time but after the departure of Nikola Duvnjak with injury and two quick goals by Manly through Steve Leak things started to look bad, then of course worse.

In the 15 minutes close to the end of the match Manly scored four more goals with Mark Holloway scoring three in that time and Steve Leak completing his hat-trick. Four goals by Holloway lifted his tally to five and he now shares the top scoring honors with Sobczyk of Polonia. Holloway, a Croatia player last year, and Auburn player the year before, is looking forward to more goals as he develops his partnership with another ex-Auburn man, Steve Leak, who is also on five goals.

For Avala, following its first round 1-1 with Manly at Cromer Park this was difficult to digest. Talk of wholesale sackings, coach and manager resigning and new "player transfusioes" have swept the club in a familiar "let's buy success" story.

I feel that Avala has a good side but as it is so often the case is not performing well.

Reason? Surely, Duvnjak, Barton, Lucchessi, Brown, Bateman are strong players and certainly in good and solid State League class, but unless they improve their attitude they won't realise their potential.

Polonia 1 Yugal 1

Score: Sobczyk 32nd (P), McGowan 17th (P).

Venue: Chopin Park.

Yugal, unfancied and with only one win and three losses under its belt did not look strong enough to cause the local side many problems. In fact Polonia belted two past Yugal at Fraser Park in their first-round encounter to gain the points.

But as so often happens, the favorite side not only had to work hard to gain one point but also to battle hard to avoid defeat. Mike Fogarty and Ante Galas, helped by some enterprise from Henek Sobczyk up front combined to rescue their fourth point of the season.

Yugal had an ideal opportunity in the 11th minute to go ahead, with Chris Thaminides having a shot from the penalty spot. Ian Barker saved but Dennis McGrath bounced to knock the ball into the net and give Yugal the lead.

After 32 minutes Sobczyk waited past one player then coolly lobbed Peter Berry to equalise.

Kuringai 0 Canterbury 0

Venue: Parklands Oval

With more than 65% of possession, Canterbury camped inside Kuringai's half and in the last 15 minutes pinned them against the goalposts, firing from all angles, but the home side would not say die and fought valiantly to save that precious point.

Terry Bertram and Trevor Jesse were Kuringai's heroes as the final whistle sounded at Parklands Oval, while John Xipolitis must have wondered just what to do to score goals.

Auburn Uruguay 2 Inter Monaro 2

Score: Carney 52nd, Monteroso 58th, Djordjeviski pen, 59th, O'Shana pen, 70th.

Venue: Mona Park

Auburn came close to beating Inter Monaro and proved yet again that Inter will have its work cut out away from Queanbeyan. Auburn led after 52 minutes through a great goal by Ray Carney. His curling shot from the edge of the area eluded the outstretched hands of Michael Hocking.

Some six minutes later Rosano stood glued to the goal line as Geekie's back pass was intercepted by Monteroso and

Inter was back on level terms. Only one minute later it was Mick Kelly who made an error inside the area and from the resultant penalty, young Djordjeviski made it 2-1 to the visitors.

Auburn came back strongly and had its own chance to score from the penalty spot after Knight was dropped inside the box. Tony O'Shana made sure with his spot kick and it was all over once again. Billy Wilcox was sent off five minutes later and Auburn almost snatched victory in the last 15 minutes of this match. However, Tony O'Shea and Chris Townson were in an Easter mood, allowing some good chances to go begging and Inter Monaro went home happy to have taken one point.

Some good performances came out of this match, with Hocking and Ambrosino the Inter Monaro stars, while Planinic, Knight and O'Shana performed well for Auburn.

Warringah Narabeen 2 Rockdale Ilinden 2

Score: Sandtner 35th, 60th, R. Brown 62nd, G. Wilson 68th.

Venue: Narabeen Fitness Centre

The early league leader, Rockdale Ilinden, slid further away with the loss of one point at Narabeen and the way its defence is performing at the moment further losses are imminent.

Warringah Narabeen led through Gary Sandtner, then repeated the dose to lead by two in the 60th minute. Sandtner used his good anticipation to score his first with a well timed shot from just inside the area, while a corner kick preceded his second. Just a tiny flick and Kotzohambos was beaten again.

Minutes later Rockdale was back in the game with a fine goal by Ross Brown, then equalised soon after. Following a corner kick it was Geoff Wilson who headed past Paul Dean to make it 2-2.

At that time it looked curtains for Warringah, and it should have been, as Rockdale came forward to create a few more opportunities. Ross Brown missed a sitter in the 70th, following a cross by Rostevski, then with seconds left, the last chance went to Terry Jones—but he blasted his shot at the only player on the Warringah line—fullback Sorge.

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CANTERBURY.	3 2 1 7-9 8
ROCKDALE I'DEN.	3 1 2 14-7 7
Sutherland.	3 1 2 8-4 7
Auburn.	3 1 2 8-8 7
Bankstown.	2 1 3 9-8 5
Warringah.	2 1 3 11-5 5
Yugali.	2 3 5 9-4
Polonia.	1 2 3 7-12 4
Kuringai.	1 2 3 8-16 4
Avala.	0 1 5 5-23 1

Top scorers:
 7 Holloway (MW)
 5 Leak (MW, Sobczyk (P)
 4 O'Shana (Aub), Valeri, GiamPaolo (IM), Sandtner (WV).

Next round:
Sat. May 5:
 Parklands Oval: Kuringai - Auburn Sun. May 6:
 Narabeen Fitness Centre: Narabeen - Manly
 Chapia Park: Polonia - Avala
 Seymour Show: Sutherland - Rockdale
 Fraser Park: Yugali - Inter Monaro
 Arlington Oval: Canterbury - Bankstown
BANKSTOWN O YUGALI O at Potts Park
 BANKSTOWN: Griffin 9 - Kennedy 6, Agostino 7, Meerbaan 1, Cootes 7 - Dalton 8, Badawi 6, Blackburn 6 - Hennes 5 (65th Hassan 6), Hasnic 6 (65th Siroic 6), El Hosseini 6.
 YUGALI: Berry 7 - Gogic 7, Forester 7, Clarke 7, Gibson 6 - Pahor 7, Turkubuev 8, Zivkovic 8 - McGrath 7, Thammides 6, Tanovski 6.

AUBURN 1 (Kelly 55th) SUTHERLAND 0 at Mona Park.
Sunday.
 AUBURN: Rosano 8 - Geeke 8, Watt 7, Planinic 8, Kelly 5 - Jones 7 (61st Bobanic 7), Knight 7, Akoutas 8 - Townsion 6, O'Shana 6 (16th Menesis), Carney 8.
 SUTHERLAND: Dart 7, Hesford 8, Schumann 8, Dallomo 8, Terry 8 - O'Connor 6 (63rd Harrington 7), Rogers 7, Stoddart 7 (81st Hughes), - Groomie 6, Webber 8, Gray 5.

MANLY WARRINGAH 3 (Holloway 48th, 55th) POLONIA 0 at Cromer Park, Sunday.
 MANLY WARRINGAH: Cassatari 7 - Pagano 7, J. Dick 7, Doyle 5, Williams 6 - Jones 8, Steven 9, Jebraeli 7 - Leak 7, Holloway 8, Stuart 6.
 POLONIA: Barker 8 - Isherwood 6, Fogarty 7, Galas 7 (Jordan 7) - Kowalczyk 6, Vanderberg 5 (Thomas 80th), Colusso 6 (80th Nowak 8) - Lumsdaine 6, Sobczyk 6, Hanafi 6.

INTER MONARO 4 (GiamPaolo 43rd, 65th, Valeri 20th, 21st) WARRINGAH NARABEEN 1 (Sandtner 1st) at Bruce Stadium, Saturday.
 INTER MONARO: Hocking 7, Domazetovic 6, Leith 5, Santolin 5, Frances 6 - Ambrosio 7, Wilcox 7 (Djordjevi 46 - 7), Valeri 7 - Monteroso 8, Brennan 8, GiamPaolo 9.
 WARRINGAH NARABEEN: P. Dean 8, - Sorge 7, A. Dean 8, Collins 5, Hiscoc 5 (Bullock 70), - Hanley 6, Earl 6, Taylor 6 - Sandtner 7, Rimmer 5, McDonna 5.

AVALA 1 (Budini 74th) KURINGAI 3 (Jeffery 4th, Tracey 31st, Hunter 89th) at Knight Park, Saturday.
 AVALA: Thurlow 7 - Brown 6, Barton 7, Williams 7, McKenzie 5 - Bobanic 7, Budini 8, Kodor 6, Da Silva 46th - 7, - Duvnjak 8, Bateman 7, Milne 6.
 KURINGAI: Prentice 7 - Bennett 6, Jesser 7, Bertram 8, Watson 7 - Quigley 8, Bourke 5, Dane 6, Tracey 8 (Jeffrey 84th), Seach 7 (Hunter 89th), Seach 7.

ROCKDALE 0 CANTERBURY 1 (Dounis 82nd) at Seymour Shaw Park, Saturday.
 ROCKDALE: Kotzchambos 7, - D. Smith 7, J. Wilson 7, Pilovski 6, D. Wilson 7 - Nasteviski 5, Youseph 46th - 6, Slaveski 6, Jones 7 - Trajanovski 5 (Risteviski 46th - 5), Brown, Karanilovski 6.
 CANTERBURY: Konistia 8 - Karisoyos 7, Passalis 5 (46th Hall 7), Antonopoulos 6, Laws 6 - Philippou 6, Hantzis 8, Frenatis 7 - Hatziofiss 8, Ioannides 85th), Petas 7, Douris 7.

KURINGAI 0 CANTERBURY 0 at Parklands Oval.
 KURINGAI: Prentice 7 - Bennett 6, Jesser 8, Bertram 8, Watson 7 - Quigley 6, Dane 6, Tracey 6 (Jeffrey 84th), Seach 7, Hunter 5 (Bourke 44th - 5).
 CANTERBURY: Konistia 8, Antonopoulos 8, Karaspyros 6, Laws 6, Miskovic 7 (Passalis 54th - 6), Hantzis 7, Philippou 6, Bision 6 (Kalegeros 64th - 6), Petas 7, Dounis 8, Ioannides 7.

SUTHERLAND 2 (Nelson 60th, 82nd) BANKSTOWN 0 at Seymour Shaw Park.
 SUTHERLAND: Dart 7, Hesford 6, Terry 6, Schumann 6, Nelson 7 - Conner 6, Harrington 50th - 6), Rogers 8, Stoddart 8 - Groomie 7, Webber 8, Gray 5.
 BANKSTOWN: Griffin 7 - Kennedy 7, Agostino 6, Meerbaan 6, Cootes 7 - Dalton 7, Parker (4th Hennes 5), Blackburn 6 - Hassan 7, Hasnic 8, Hosseini 1 - .

POLONIA 1 (Sobczyk 32nd), YUGALI 1 (McGrath 11th) at Chapin Park.
 POLONIA: Barker 7 - Isherwood 7, Fogarty 8, Galas 8, Jordan 7 - Kowalczyk 7, Vanderberg 7, Colusso 7 - Lumsdaine 7, Sonczyk 8, Nowak 7.
 YUGALI: Berry 9 - Gogic 7, Forester 7, Clarke 8, Gibson 7 - Pahor 8, Turkubuev 8, Zivkovic 6 - McGrath 7, Thammides 8, Tanovski 6.

WARRINGAH NARABEEN 2 (Brown 62nd, Geoff Wilson 68th) at Narabeen Fitness Centre.
 WARRINGAH NARABEEN: Paul Dean 7, Sorge 6, Collings 6 Alan Dean 8, Hiscoc 6 - Hanley 6 (Bullock 70), Taylor 6, Earl 7 - Rimmer 6, McDonna 6, Sandtner 7 (Dibold 70).
 ROCKDALE I'DEN: Kotzchambos 6, Butcher 5, Pilovski 5, D. Wilson 7, G. Wilson 7 - Nasteviski 6, Brown 6, Slaveski 6 - Karanilovski 7, Trajanovski 5, (Risteviski 70th), Jones 6.

AUBURN URUGAY 2 (Carney 52nd, O'Shana 70th pen.) INTER MONARO 2 (Monteroso 58th, Djordjevi 59th pen.) at Mona Park.
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 INTER MONARO: Hocking 7 - Leith 5, Domazetovic 6, Santolin 7, Frances 6 - Wilcox 7 (60th), Ambrosio 6, GiamPaolo 7.

AVALA 0 MANLY WARRINGAH 8 (Stuart 8th, Leak 50th, 55th, 85th, Holloway 38th, 70th, 75th, 81st) at Knight Park, Wednesday.
 AVALA: Thurlow 5 - Lucchesi 5, Barton 6, Vuljinovic 5, Da Silva 5 (Bratkovic 55 - 5), Duvnjak 5 (G. Fernandez 46 - 5), D. Brown 5 Williams 6 - Craig Mackenzie 6, Bateman 5, Milne 5.
 MANLY WARRINGAH: Cassatari 7 - Pagano 8, Williams 8, J. Dick 8, Doyle 8, Jones 7, Steven 7, Leak 9 - Jebraeli 7, Holloway 9 Stuart 8.

Prev Division Two

ALTONA UNITED 3 (Jovanovski 9th, Christou 59th, Dimitrievski 33rd) SOUTH DANENONG 4 (Bartlett 17th, 85th Jimenez 26th, Ramos 52nd) at Paisley Reserve, Saturday.
 ALTONA UNITED: Peska, Korzic, D. Dimovski (Chistout 17th), Galic, Kanckovic, Vonja (Gronov 88th), Jovanovski, Derwallen, Miller, T. Dimovski, Dimitrievski.
 SOUTH DANENONG: Bravo, Almona (A. Vago 78th), H. Romero, J. Vago, Jimenez, Cornejo, Bartlett, R. Romero, Castillo, Angulo, Ugarte (Ramos 40th).

BEST PLAYERS: Altona United: Galic, Miller, Kanckovic. South Danenong: Bartlett, Cornejo, J. Vago.
 Altona looked capable of sending South home pointless after Jovanovski's racy 9th minute goal. South's usual sound defence was hesitant

and ragged and, Bartlett excepted, their front line ineffectual.
 Bartlett got a lucky South back into the game in the 17th minute. The same player, tripped in the area, gave Jimenez the "spot" kick to put the visitors ahead after 26 minutes. Amazingly, Ramos made it 1-3 from Cornejo's right wing cross, but brilliant play by Dimitrievski reduced the deficit when Christou scored Altona's second.

Bartlett made it 4-2 for South after a fine solo effort just before normal full-time. Altona never gave up and three minutes into injury time Dimitrievski's shot was deflected by a defender past the hapless Bravo. South was very relieved to hear that final whistle.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Morwell Falcons and Broadmeadows were locked in a battle to secure the signature of Doveton striker Stan Webster as we went to press.

Webster trained with Morwell last Thursday but the Latrobe Valley club, although reportedly coming to terms with him, has the same night arranged for Webster to sign a contract tomorrow (Thursday).

If reports of Morwell and Webster coming to terms are true then Morwell's inability to get him to sign last week may prove costly.

Webster would be vital to Morwell coach Jimmy Doves' team plans. Having lost Bobby McGuinness to Green Gully Ajax recently, Dunne needs a proven State League performer like Webster to partner Russell Atherton in front.

Doveton also looks like losing striker Ian Storton. Northcote is keen to sign the big Scot but the Doves won't part with him for less than \$8000.

Broadmeadows balked at the \$6000 price tag on Storton's head and switched its attention to Webster.

Metro Division One

NUNAWADING CITY 1 (S. Furzer 45th) SUNBURY UTD 0 at Mahon's Reserve, Saturday.

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But Broadmeadows' buying plans don't end there. Box Hill midfielder Matt McDonald, up for grabs at \$1500, also could be heading to Laura Douglas Reserve.

The Doves also want to sign McDonald but they'll have to move quickly.

The Doves also will approach transfer listed Frankston Pines striker Kevin Wall. There's just \$1000 on his head but whether or not the Doves will depend on contractual negotiations.

And Pines midfielder Paul Cooke, ex-Slavia, could be joining Croynod. He's trained there recently, as has a defender from a National League club Croynod coach Colin Hasler has to decide which of these two to sign.

Both Pines and Croynod will welcome imports shortly. Croynod has signed Alan Mooney, formerly with Home Farm in the League of Ireland. Mooney at present is playing in the Leinster League.

Pines could have 25 year old Southport midfielder Ray Thomas wearing their colors within a week.

Thomas has played with Everton reserves, Aintree in the Liverpool Combination League and Marine in the Northern Premier League. Pines midfielder John Cullen

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Metro Division Two

MORNINGTON 2 (Paulding 18th, Runje 35th) NORTH GEELONG 1 (Velli o.g. 44th) at Dallas Brooks Park, Saturday.

MORNINGTON: O'Hara 7, Pys 6, Vail 7, Mitchell 5, Paulding 8, J. Cameron 5, Gotby 6, Stewart 7, Runje 8, Congdon 6 (P. Cameron 72).
 NORTH GEELONG: Darby 6, Medved 5, Radovicic 6, Blavet 7, Miller 7, Banagan 5 (Dula 36th, 6), Drastic 6 (Viri 75th), Simovic 6, Hrakac 5, Radovicic 6, Praz 5.

Mornington huddled South Oakleigh and Caulfield City to top the Metro Second Division ladder with a hard-fought win over North Geelong, but after the game coach Tommy Robertson was far from happy.

"We should have scored heaps," he lamented. "I thought at half-time that with the slope in our favor, we'd really boost our goal difference, which isn't brilliant compared with other top position contenders."

There was a lot to be said for his complaints. Mornington set about North Geelong from the kick-off, and with Goran Runje running the Northern's defence ragged, looked set for a borrow load of goals.

Brian Paulding headed it into the lead after a defensive mix-up and Runje finished off a good triangular move between John Cameron, Jimmy Smart and himself with a good goal in the 35th minute, and at that stage Mornington was cruising in overdrive.

But Mornington squandered chance after chance, and when in the last minute of the first half, a terrible misunderstanding between Mike O'Hara and Chris Vaili saw the full back score an own goal, the game changed complexion and it was North Geelong which went in with its tails up.

Straight away after the interval Cameron had to clear the line, and favorable slope or not, North Geelong belied its lowly status by making Mornington fight right to the end.

KEILOR AUSTRIA 0 DANENONG CITY 0 at Keilor Park, Saturday.
DANENONG CITY: Davie, Pucouski, S. Nagy,

played with Thomas back in Liverpool and rates the goal scoring midfielder highly.
 Western Suburbs were trying to sign midfielder Tiger Amanatidis from Heidelberg Alexander as he went to press. If successful, Suburbs coach Jimmy Conditis could use Amanatidis on Sunday against Northcote at Ralph Reserve.

I'm tipping a Suburbs win. Les Shorroch, not noted for giving plaudits lightly, rated about Suburbs after their 4-2 loss to Fawkner recently, a scoreline that perhaps didn't truly reflect the close fought nature of what was an extremely entertaining encounter.

Box Hill and Frankston Pines figure in a big top four clash at Wembley Park on Sunday.

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 Doveton v Broadmeadows (draw) at Waratah Reserve, 3pm.
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SELECTIONS

<p>METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE Saturday: SPRINGVALE CITY v Maribond; SUNBURY v Doncaster Rovers; Ball Park v Werribee (draw); Altona City v THOMASTOWN. Sunday: Richmond v NUNAWADING CITY; Altona City v NORTH DANENONG; MELBOURNE v Kew City.</p>	<p>EAST BRUNSWICK v Farnham Gully BORDER v Kaysborough; CLIFTON HILL v Hawthorn. PROVINCIAL DIVISION ONE Saturday: SHEPPARTON CITY v Mahon; West Geelong v CLAYTON; Boroana v CENTRAL CITY; BALDWIN v North Brunswick; CLARENDA v Malvern City; Chelsea v HAWTHORN.</p>	<p>WESTALL v Epping Thistle AMATEUR LEAGUE DIVISION ONE Sunday: GAWLTHUR CITY v Indalene; BURDOBA v Aneur St Marys; CHASTONET v North Melbourne; ENDEAVOUR HILLS v Melbourne University; Latrobe University v MEADOW PARK; MACCAB v Waverley United.</p>
<p>DIVISION TWO Saturday: WANDERLEY CITY v Ringwood; LEAGUE v LEAGUE UNITED; University of Melbourne v CHANDROUSE; Hawthorn United v Pines; West Geelong v ADDYSTON; Kynaria; Epping City v Geelong United (draw); CHELTENHAM v Fitzroy City.</p>	<p>DIVISION THREE Saturday: SOUTH DANENONG v Regent; South Yarra v ALTONA UNITED; University of Melbourne v CHANDROUSE; Hawthorn United v Pines; West Geelong v ADDYSTON; Kynaria; Epping City v Geelong United (draw); CHELTENHAM v Fitzroy City.</p>	<p>DIVISION THREE Sunday: COLLINGWOOD CITY v Melbourne United; COLLINGWOOD v Ringwood Rovers; DUGES REST v Labor City; EAST RICHMOND v Labor.</p>
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Platini sparkles, Rossi scores in last minute

Paolo Rossi grabbed an 89th minute goal to give Juventus a 2-1 win over Manchester United and power it into the Cup Winners' Cup final against Porto on May 17.

The Italian World Cup hero struck as United was poised to carry the semifinal battle into extra time following substitute Norman Whiteside's brilliant second-half equaliser.

But United, without injured England captain Bryan Robson, slid out of the competition 2-3 on aggregate as Rossi raced in on Gaetano Scirea's effort to shoot Juventus into the final.

Earlier French skipper Michel Platini threatened to tear United apart. He set up Rossi after 12 minutes only to see goalkeeper Gary Bailey make the first of a series of fine saves.

Minutes later Platini sent midfielder Zbigniew Boniek away to put Juventus 1-0 up. The flame-haired Pole escaped the marking of Arthur Albiston, weaved his way into the penalty area and flicked the ball past the advancing Bailey.

United committed itself to attack after the break

and its efforts were repaid after 70 minutes when Whiteside, who replaced Frank Stapleton seven minutes earlier, fired home from 16 metres.

Aberdeen's proud reign as European Cup Winners' Cup holder came to a sad end in Scotland when it went down to unfancied Porto of Portugal.

The Scots, thrilling conqueror of Real Madrid in last year's final in Gothenburg, created a succession of chances in its bid to overturn Porto's 1-0 first-leg advantage but was knocked out by 76th minute sucker-punch.

Porto, which will now have to face the might of Juventus in the final in Basle on May 17, scored a goal worthy of winning the trophy itself when Silva broke away down the right, cut inside, and completed a dazzling 40-metre solo run by chipping the ball over goalkeeper Jim Leighton from the edge of the box.

Before and after, however, Aberdeen laid siege to the Porto goal and only poor finishing — and some astonishing saves by Ze Beto — denied them.

Eric Black, scorer of the opening goal in the 2-1 win over Real Madrid last season, hit the side netting in the 12th minute and two minutes later Mark McGhee headed wide with the goal at his mercy.



Michel Platini

It's Roma v. Liverpool

The prayers of millions of neutral soccer fans were answered when Italian millionaire club Roma and mighty Liverpool of England battled through to the final of the European Champions' Cup.

This final, which will be staged in Rome's magnificent Olympic Stadium on May 30, is the game everyone has wanted to see since the competition began in September and should be one of the most glamorous in the Champions' Cup 23-year history.

Liverpool, Cup winner in 1977, 1978 and 1981, overcame the rugged Dinamo Bucharest in a rain-lashed Romania 2-1 for a 3-1 aggregate win while Roma, basking in the Italian sunshine, ripped Scotland's Dundee United apart 3-0 to complete a thrilling 3-2 overall victory.

Inevitably, it was Welshman Ian Rush who scored the goals which took Liverpool into the final for the fourth time in eight years. And fittingly, his 11th minute opener was his 100th for the club since joining for what now looks a bargain price of \$455,000 from Fourth Division Chester three seasons ago.

Roma, bidding to become the first Italian club to lift Europe's premier trophy since AC Milan in 1969, had cancelled out the Scots' 2-0 first-leg lead by the half-time whistle with two goals from striker Roberto "Bomber" Pruzzo.

For its part, United will forever

CHAMPIONS CUP

In Bucharest: DINAMO BUCHAREST (Romania) 1

LIVERPOOL (England) 2 (halftime 1-1).

Scorers — Dinamo: Costel Orac (39th min).

Liverpool: Ian Rush (11th, 84th).

Attendance: 80,000.

Liverpool qualified for final 3-1 on aggregate.

In Rome: AS ROMA (Italy) 3 DUNDEE UNITED (Scotland) 0 (halftime 2-0).

Scorers — Roberto Pruzzo (23rd, 40th min), Agostino Di Bartolomei (58th penalty).

Attendance: 70,000.

Roma qualified for final (May 30 in Rome) 3-2 on aggregate.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP

In Aberdeen: ABERDEEN (Scotland) 0 PORTO (Portugal) 1 (halftime 0-0).

Scorer: Silva (76th min).

Attendance: 24,000.

Porto qualified for final 2-0 on aggregate.

In Turin: JUVENTUS (Italy) 2 MANCHESTER UNITED (England) 1 (halftime 1-0).

Scorers: Juventus: Zbigniew Boniek (13th min), Paolo Rossi (89th).

Juventus qualified for final (May 16 in Basle, Switzerland) 3-2 on aggregate.

EUROPEAN FOOTBALL UNION (UEFA) CUP

In Brussels: ANDERLECHT (Belgium) 3 NOTTINGHAM FOREST (England) 0 (halftime 1-0).

Scorers: Scifo (18th min), Brylle (59th penalty), Vandenberg (88th).

Attendance: 36,000.

Anderlecht, the holders, qualified for two-leg final (May 9/23) 3-2 on aggregate.

In London: TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (England) 1

HAJDUK SPLIT (Yugoslavia) 0 (halftime 1-0).

Scorer: Mike Hazard (6th min).

Attendance: 43,969.

Aggregate score 2-2, Tottenham qualified for final on away goal.

Puzzo, who was left out of the Italian World Cup squad in 1982 despite finishing top scorer in the First Division that season struck in the 23rd and 40th minutes as Dundee United wilted under incessant pressure and the afternoon sun.

He continued his one-man destruction of the Scottish defence in the 58th minute when he weaved in on goal in search of his hat-trick and was bundled to the ground by United goalkeeper Hamish McAlpine.

Midfielder Agostino Di Bartolomei netted the resultant penalty with consummate ease and Roma was through to its first European final since it claimed the UEFA Cup in 1961.

For its part, United will forever

look back in anguish on the 20th minute when striker Ralph Milne lashed the ball wildly over the bar with only Roma goalkeeper Franco Tancredi to beat.

Instead of being three goals in front, the Scots found their advantage whittled down to one just three minutes later when Pruzzo headed home from close range from a corner by Italian World Cup star Bruno Conti.

Five minutes from the interval Pruzzo struck again when he controlled a lob from Di Bartolomei in the United area, swivelled round a defender and struck a sweet left-footer past the helpless McAlpine.

Puzzo came desperately close to completing his hat-trick shortly after the interval when he was only centimetres off target during a goalmouth melee but gained ample compensation minutes later by winning the all-important penalty.

Liverpool will find itself in the uncustomed role of underdog in the final, but it will not have gone unnoticed by the Romans that the English champion has won all four away games in this season's competition.

Having already accounted for Denmark's Odense, Spain's Athletic Bilbao and Benfica of Portugal on foreign soil, Liverpool did not appear unduly concerned by the driving rain or the hostile 80,000 crowd in Bucharest.

Liverpool Captain Graeme Souness, who was booed every time he touched the ball following claims that he broke Luca Mavila's jaw in the torrid

last season, took a first-half lead with a brilliant 20-metre volley from Italian-born midfielder teenager Vincenzo Scifo.

Then Danish international striker Kenneth Brylle levelled the aggregate score from the penalty spot after he had been brought down by Kenny Swain in the 59th minute.

In London, Mike Hazard scored direct from a free kick to put Tottenham into its first European final in 10 years.

Hazard's seventh minute goal

against Hajduk Split was enough to send Spurs through to the final on the away goals rule with the scores locked 2-2 on aggregate after the semifinal second leg tie.

Tottenham's departing manager Keith Burkinshaw was clearly delighted with his side's performance. But Hajduk could have snatched the match from a below-par Tottenham side on two occasions in the second half before Hajduk goalkeeper Zoran Simovic saved from striker Steve Archibald in the closing stages.

England v. Wales

Spends for the England v. Wales match at Wrexham today (Wednesday):

ENGLAND: Shute (Southampton), Woods (Norwich), Galloway (Manchester United), Searson (Aston Villa), Anderson (Nottingham Forest), Kennedy (Liverpool), Roberts (Tottenham), Martin (West Ham), Wright (Southampton), Lee (Liverpool), Wilson (Manchester United), Robson (Manchester United), Gregory (Sheff Wed), Armstrong (Sheff Wed), Maltby (Tottenham), Chamberlain (Sheff Wed), Francis (Sheff Wed), Woodcock (Aston Villa), Mariner (Aston Villa), Barnes (Wrexham).

WALLES: Samuels (Everton), Dibley (Cardiff), Hughes (Bristol), Griffiths (Everton), Slater (Bristol), Jones (Cardiff), Thomas (Cardiff), James (Sheff Wed), Alan Davies (Manchester United), Jacki (Wrexham), Vaughan (Cardiff), Thomas (Cardiff), Hughes (Manchester United), Rush (Liverpool), Gordon Davies (Fulham), Nicholas (Crystal Palace), Phillips (Preston).

MACDONALD SPLITS

Former South Melbourne Hellas guest player Malcolm Macdonald has resigned as manager of Fulham a month after saying he was leaving his wife and five daughters for another woman.

Macdonald, 34, who played 14 times for England at centre-forward, could be in line for one of the two vacant managerial jobs at either his former club Arsenal or Tottenham Hotspur.

Mitten scores the goal, Gardiner's men go for stroll

Northern NSW 0 VICTORIA 1 (43rd Mitten) at Adams-town Oval.

Crowd: 1500.

NORTHERN NSW: Cox

7 — Mansley 6, Power 7,

Dixon 7, Davies 6 —

McQuarrie 7, Fawkes 7,

Mayer 6, Rowney 6 — Porter

6 (78th Brand), Jones 7.

Coach: Mike Trebilcock.

VICTORIA: Keogh 7 —

Liparski 6, Gardiner 6, Rood-

house 7, Hird 7 — Mila 8,

Dalio 6, Mitten 7 (85th

Salvo) — Gibson 7 (86th

Tuffield), Sweeney 7, Zinni 8

(74th Przybyla) 6. Coach: Tim

White.

The hastily prepared

Northern NSW team just

failed to hold Victoria in a

match arranged to celebrate

the centenary of both

States.

In a match where thrills and

excitement were hard to find,

the Victorians settled the issue

with a goal by Noel Mitten two

minutes before half time, when

he turned a diagonal cross

by John Dowie into the net

when the local defence was

a little slow in coming out.

Earlier, Northern NSW had

squandered two great opportunities

to go into the lead when first,

David Jones failed to find

the net with a right-foot shot

after a mix-up in the Victorian

defence, and then Dale Rowney

cut inside from the left and put

a glorious ball behind the defence

for Warren Davies but after rounding

the advancing Sean Keogh, he lost

his footing and the chance went

begging.

Victoria, although looking

technically superior in all de-

partments, seldom posed serious

problems to the local defence

and goalkeeper Cox had a quiet afternoon.

The Victorians, after going

in front, were just prepared to

do enough to stay there, and

what the game required was a

goal from Northern NSW to

bring this Victorian side out of

its shell.

Unfortunately for the

spectators, that did not happen

and the tactics of John Gard-

iner and the other defenders,

of interpassing the ball in their

own penalty area at walking

pace, did not put the fans in a



Joe Lanzoni

good frame of mind and some

loud disapproval was heard.

On the plus side, Tim White

should be quite pleased with

the performances of Stefan

Mila in the midfield and

Andrew Zinni who showed ex-

ceptional pace, especially in

the pass.

All in all, the whole exercise

has been a great success from

both States' point of view, with

some valuable experience

gained by the young local side.

Man of the match:

JOHN DOWIE

(Victoria)

They suffered one turmoil

after another, first the weather,

then the collapse of KB

United robbed Mike Trebil-

cock of what would have been

the frame work of the side,

and in the end, one could really

not have expected any better

considering the circum-

stances.

Overseas results

INTERNATIONALS

BELGRADE: Spain beat Yugoslavia 1-0

(halftime 1-0) in their European under-

21 soccer championship semifinal first-leg

match here.

Scorer: Butagane (22nd min. pen-alty).

Attendance: 20,000.

MOSCOW: The Soviet Union qualified

for the finals of the Los Angeles Olympic

soccer tournament despite losing 1-0

(halftime 0-0) to Hungary here.

The result left the Soviet Union and

Hungary level on eight points in the European

qualifying group "A" but the Soviets topped the group by virtue of a

better goal difference.

ALEXANDROPOULIS: Bulgaria beat

Greece 3-1 (halftime 1-1) in their European

Olympic qualifying group "A" match.

Scorers: Bulgaria — Georgiev (42nd

minute), Tasev (88), Voder (82); Greece —

Vlachos (30). Attendance: 2,000.

Kiwis crushed

of Northern NSW team

one must feel sympathetic.

Saudi Arabia, Qatar and

Iraq qualified for the Olympic

soccer tournament in Los

Angeles, while New Zealand

failed to win a match in the 10-

nation Asian qualifying tournament in Singapore.

Saudi Arabia and Qatar fin-

ished on top of their respective

groups. The two runners-

up, Iraq and South Korea, had

to play off to fill the third

Olympic berth, and it was Iraq

that emerged victorious, win-

ning 1-0.



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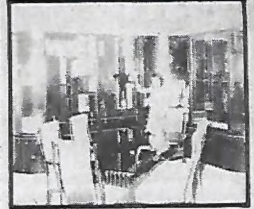
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Claudio Gentile (right) — one of the stars to tour with Juventus, challenges Diego Maradona of Argentina.

Schipano at Eltham

Tony Schipano made his debut for Metro Second Division club Eltham two weeks ago, scoring both goals as the Redbacks downed South Melbourne Mordialloc 2-1.

Schipano, the long serving Fawkner star, is on loan to

Eltham for the remainder of the season. The versatile 27 year old, had been used mainly in defence by Fawkner over the last few seasons but he made his name as a free scoring striker and that's exactly where former Fawkner midfielder and now Eltham coach, Rajko Curcija, intends to play Schipano.

Eltham also has signed 22 year old defender George Tsou on a free from NSL club Heidelberg United. The Redbacks are negotiating to sign another Heidelberg player.



Tony Schipano

It's on again: the great international soccer "hide and seek" game.

Once more our game is being held up to ridicule over the anticipated non-appearance of big names with English, Scottish, Italian and possibly Greek clubs scheduled to grace our shores just a few weeks from now.

Almost every year teams are brought to Australia at a time when it is well known that at least some of their top names will be on international duty for the countries.

Without a shadow of a doubt, the coming games will still be eminently suitable tests for the two Soccer teams.

Equally without any doubt the series will be a public relations fiasco for the national team and the game as a whole — unless something is done very quickly.

Why can't the ASF simply come clean on such matters, instead of leaving soccer fans with a feeling of having been ripped off at the turnstiles? On the other hand, if the pronouncements out of ASF headquarters are correct, and officials of Manchester United and Nottingham Forest — to name only two — are wrong in their statements forecasting the absence of anything up to eight of their stars (and add to this Platini of Juventus, who wasn't coming in the first place), then what is the ASF doing about it?

Back in business

Mr Hakoah — Andrew Lederer to you and me — is back in the soccer "business" with a vengeance. Earlier this month he was restored to his old position of vice-president of the Hakoah



club, a position from which he resigned in disgust when the club's board of directors — or rather a majority of its members — tried to yank the Blues out of the NSL in 1981.

It is now history that the uproar which followed this decision — taken without any consultation with the membership — forced a reluctant retreat on the part of Hakoah president Frank Lowy.

Sydney City Hakoah continued in top soccer, but not without problems.

Without any doubt, the members' wishes were tolerated only grudgingly — the fairly obvious attitude on the part of those who hold the purse strings was that, maybe, it will just wither away.

Quite the opposite has happened, with an ever increasing number of Hakoah members voicing their disgust over these tactics.

The whole matter came to a head at the recent annual general meeting, which, because of the manner in which it was conducted by Mr Lowy, left large numbers outraged and threatened a major schism in the club.

Thankfully, sensible members of the board make their views known, leading to the announcement of Hakoah's renewed commitment and Andrew Lederer's return to prominence with a very pronounced interest in soccer affairs.

Now it is up to members to rally to the great old club's aid once again, as they have so often in the past.

Getting back the support of Sydney's growing and sports loving Jewish community won't be easy. It will take three to five years of hard, professional work to do it.

The first positive move in this direction will be a meeting of club members set down for later this year, when the decision to return completely to the much-loved and even revered Hakoah name is likely to be taken.

Comeback

Congratulations to Les Scheinberg and his Marconi boys on their gradual climb out of the doldrums.

All soccer fans will be pleased, for two very good reasons.

Firstly, the NSL desperately needs a good Marconi and, secondly, Les deserves some breaks after the tough time he has had of it in recent weeks and months.

Rocky Di Zio is ill, so there is no "Viva Italia" column this week.

MALDERA TO MISS CUP FINAL

The European Football Union (UEFA) confirmed last Monday that Roma's left back, Aldo Maldera, would miss the European Champions Cup final against Liverpool at the Rome Olympic Stadium on May 30.

Maldera was booked for the second time this season in the second leg of Roma's semi-final with Dundee United of Scotland and collected an automatic one match ban.

Roma also was fined 10,000 Swiss francs (about \$5000 Aust) for supporters who invaded the pitch after the victory over Dundee United.

Three clubs were sanctioned for fireworks thrown by supporters.

UEFA ruled that the Yugoslav club Hajduk Split would have to play its next European Cup match on a ground at least 300 kms from Split while Juventus was fined 50,000 Swiss francs (about \$23,980 Aust) and the Portuguese club Porto was fined 2500 Swiss francs (about \$1200 Aust).

Nottingham Forest of England was fined 1000 Swiss francs (about \$490 Aust) for bottle throwing.

Ian Rush voted No. 1

Ian Rush has been voted Britain's Footballer of the Year by the 200-strong Football Writers' Association.

The Liverpool striker was a comfortable winner in the annual poll, beating England captain, Bryan Robson, and Anfield colleague, Graeme Souness.

Rush is the seventh Liverpool winner in the last 11 yrs, following Kenny Dalglish (twice), Ian Callaghan, Kevin Keegan, Emyln Hughes and Terry McDermott.

Rush will receive his trophy from West German World Cup star Franz Beckenbauer at London's Cafe Royal on May 17.

BRAZIL BEATS IOC

Brazil will send a team of Second Division players to the Los Angeles Olympics and thus by-pass the ban on top professional players, said Brazilian Football Federation president Gullito Coutinho last weekend.

"We can still select excellent players from Second Division teams. Therefore, we trust that we'll send a strong side, capable of fighting for the gold medal," he said.

Brazil won the olympic qualifying tournament in Guarani in February with a team that included leading players from top league clubs.

Some players were given ghost jobs by commercial firms so they could play in the Olympics and within the rules laid down by the International Olympic Committee and the International Football Federation.

The proposed Brazilian Olympic team will include full-time professionals — but none under contract with any of the Brazilian First Division's 41 clubs.



Richard Miranda (Juventus) — being tried out by national coach Frank Arak.

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at Marconi Stadium
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2 draws



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**Adelaide City v
Canberra Arrows**
at Olympic Sports Field
Sunday 2.30 pm
Previous NSL results
Adelaide City 5
Canberra Arrows 3
6 draws

Brisbane Lions v Sydney City
at Richlands
Sunday 3 pm
Previous NSL results
Sydney City 7 wins
Brisbane Lions 1 win
4 draws



Roy-Johnny
Bris Lions



Steve Marley
Heidelberg

Heidelberg v Juventus
at Olympic Village
3 pm Sunday

No previous NSL results

**Melbourne Croatia v
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at Olympic Park No 1
Sunday

No previous NSL results



Peter Blasby
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**Brisbane City v
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